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Police order for 'nuisance' man

JORDAN **DAY** AND TARA **COX**

A MAN described by police as a "general nuisance" to members of the public in Ely has been made subject to a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

Todd Germeney, 31, of West End Close in Witchford, was made subject to the order after pleading guilty to using threatening or abusive words or behaviour on the day he was due to stand trial at Cambridge Magistrates' Court last Wednesday.

The two-year order bans Germeney from consuming or being in possession of alcohol in certain public spaces within Ely, such as the centre of Ely, around the cathedral and by the river.

It also prohibits him from using threatening or abusive words or behaviour for the same time period.

Magistrates approved the police's application for Germeney to be made subject to the CBO – and also sent him to prison for four weeks.

Sgt Ryan Carter said: "The CBO was issued as a result of Germeney's continued criminal behaviour relating to anti-social behaviour, and being a general nuisance to other members of the public."

Magistrates heard that police were called to the grounds of Ely Cathedral on the afternoon of April 18 – just 10 days after Germeney was released from prison for a previous offence, which is believed to be the assault on Granchester Mysteries author James Runcie.

As previously reported, Mr Runcie was attacked by Germeney on September 19 last year as he walked to the cathedral, where he was due to give a talk.

In January, Germeney was sentenced to 24 weeks in custody for the unprovoked attack.

In the incident on April 18, Germeney was seen near the cathedral drinking and being verbally abusive to passers-by.

The court heard PCSO Emma Graves attended and tried to talk to him but he didn't want to listen.

Witnesses reported hearing Germeney saying he would "kill a man".

He then threatened to kill the PCSO, who called for assistance.

The defendant was taken to the police station as he was believed to be a risk to the public.

Another witness also said they saw Germeney walk up to two elderly women in their 60s asking them to "go back to their own country" and threatening to kill them.

Magistrates heard that Germeney had a "significant history for violent and unpredictable behaviour".

Ian Graham, mitigating, said Germeney's mental health had deteriorated since his last prison sentence and his problems were 'exacerbated when he drinks'.

Anyone who sees Germeney breaching the conditions of his order should call police on 101.

■ Visit *ely-news.co.uk* to view a map, issued by police, showing the areas included in the Criminal Behaviour Order.

PRISON: Todd Germeney

Former MP accused of abusing young girls

FORMER Cambridgeshire MP Clement Freud has been accused of abusing two girls between the late 1940s and 1970s.

The claims about the gourmet and TV celebrity, who died in 2009, were made in an ITV documentary, *Exposure: Abused And Betrayed – A Life Sentence,* which was due to be televised last night.

In the programme, Sylvia Woosley, who first met Sir Clement when she was 10 and later went to live with him after her mother's marriage broke down, claims he molested her over several years.

A second woman, who wants to remain anonymous, has alleged the Liberal politician and former MP for North East Cambridgeshire also abused her as a child and raped her when she was 18.

Sir Clement was first elected as an MP in 1973 in a parliamentary by-election for the Isle of Ely seat, which was later North East Cambridgeshire.

He went on to represent people in the Ely area in Parliament until 1987, after which he was awarded a knighthood. Sir Clement died in April 2009.

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Gutsy grannys take to the sky

DAREDEVILS: Margaret Missin celebrated her 80th birthday last week with a skydive, left. Her granddaughter Sophie Adams, below, joined her. Below left: Tish Russell is doing her skydive on June 25

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

MARGARET Missin and Tish Russell are two grandmothers determined not to let their age hold them back.

Margaret, from Little Downham, celebrated her 80th birthday last Wednesday by leaping 10,000ft out of a plane.

And Tish, 68, from Littleport, will be doing exactly that on Saturday, June 25.

Margaret's main reason for choosing to do a tandem skydive was to raise funds for research into dementia.

It's a charity close to her heart as her husband, Brian, 82, has been suffering with the illness for around five years.

One of Margaret's granddaughters, Sophie Adams, 29, also from Little Downham, joined her on the skydive, and to date, they have raised around £3,500 in sponsorship.

Margaret, who has three children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, said: "A few years ago when Brian and I were on holiday I saw people parachuting and I really wanted to do it.

"He said no way but I suppose it's something I've always wanted to try.

"Yes I might be getting on a bit now but you can't let your age stop you doing things you want to do, especially when you can raise money for such an important cause at the same time.

"Dementia is a cruel, cruel illness. Brian has had it for around five years now and it's been heartbreaking for the whole family."

One of Margaret's daughters, Debbie Adams-Payne, said: "Mum absolutely loved the skydive! She said it was exhilarating and she wants to do it again on her 90th birthday.

"Sophie loved it too and we're so proud of them for how much they've raised."

To sponsor Margaret and Sophie, visit crowdfunding.justgiving.com/catherine-adams-1.

Tish, who lives in Littleport with her husband, John, is hoping to raise around £1,500 for Parkinson's UK by competing her tandem skydive.

Tish, who has two children and two grandchildren, said: "A very good friend of mine has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's and it's a terrible disease.

"I saw an advert in the *Ely News* asking people to consider doing a skydive for Parkinson's UK so I applied.

"I've done a lot of different things for charity over the years and like a challenge so I'm looking forward to the skydive.

"I go to the gym a few times a week and like to keep active; I'm not one of these people who could sit around and do nothing once they get to retirement age.

"All the money that I raise will hopefully help to find a cure, or help with research."

To sponsor Tish, visit uk-virginmoneygiving.com/tishrussell.

Tish's gym – Energie Fitness for Women, based in Buttermarket, off Ely's Market Place – is also holding a coffee morning and raffle towards Tish's cause.

The event is on Friday, June 24 at 10am and all are welcome.

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COMMUNITY

Vigil held to remember lives lost in US nightclub shooting

A CANDLELIT vigil was held in Ely to pay respect to the innocent people killed at a gay nightclub in America.

Forty nine people were killed and 53 were injured when gunman Omar Mateen opened fire at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando on Sunday.

Members of the LGBTQ in Ely group came together and held the vigil on Monday night to remember those caught up in the tragic incident.

In a post on their Facebook group, a member said: "People wonder why we still celebrate Pride in 2016. This is why. Because LGBTQ people are still persecuted and killed for being true to who they are."

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge also visited the American Embassy in London on Tuesday to sign a book of condolence.

To find out more about LGBTQ in Ely, including their regular 'queer brunch' events at Samovar Tea House in Forehill, visit facebook.com/LGBTQEly.

Classic Jag damaged in crash

A RED E Type Jaguar 1973 was involved in a collision in Ely – not long after its owner had had it fully restored.

The collision happened in Angel Drove and the driver walked away uninjured. However, the damage to the vehicle was substantial – and likely to run into thousands of pounds to fix.

PC Ali McKenzie, who attended the collision last Monday, said: "I can honestly say I haven't seen anything quite as nice as this in a long time. It's a great shame.

"The car had recently been fully restored with a painstaking attention to detail, and had only been out on the road briefly before the accident happened."

RECENTLY RESTORED: The classic vehicle sustained substantial damage in the collision in Angel Drove, Ely.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wake Life Weekend

WAKEBOARDERS from across the UK will be flaunting their skills in Stretham this weekend.

Hannam's Wake Hub, located off the A10, is holding its annual Wake Life Weekend from Friday through to Sunday, where there will be wakeboarding, competitions, street artists, music and camping.

Visit wakelifeweekend.com for tickets or more information.

CCTV image of man sought by officers

POLICE want to speak to the man pictured in connection with the theft of a lime green motocross bike from a property in Linden End, Haddenham, on May 22.

Call 101 with any information.

Show raises over £1k

A CHARITY Motown night has raised more than £1,000 for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

The sell-out AC Motown show was held at Ely's Maltings on Saturday night in aid of the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund, which supports the hospice.

A total of £1,115 was raised, taking the total of Lisa's Fund so far to a whopping £137,000.

COUNCIL

Fury over law firm's tweets

JON **VALE AND JORDAN DAY**

A LAW firm which highlighted on social media its success in winning cases against parents whose children have special educational needs (SEN) has been axed by the county council.

Cambridgeshire County Council has paid Milton Keynes based firm Baker Small some £150,000 over the past year to represent the authority at tribunals with parents fighting the care of SEN children.

But the firm has been dumped by the council after public outcry over tweets posted on Baker Small's official account.

These included highlighting a "great win" at a recent tribunal, and a post from the account later added that "whenever someone thinks they have won and they have conceded 90 per cent of their case, it does always make me smile".

The firm has since deleted the tweets and issued an apology. But this has not stopped angry parents with SEN children condemning Baker Small – and the county council saying it will no longer deal with them.

"We can confirm that we will no longer be using Baker Small for new cases," said Adrian Loades, the county's executive director for children, families and adults.

"We recognise the damage that these tweets have done to parental confidence and by extension to the potential relationship between the county council and parents.

"There can be different views between parents and the local authority in respect of SEN support to children, and we always work hard to avoid this relationship becoming adversarial if at all possible.

"There will be current cases that Baker Small are holding on our behalf, and these will be reviewed on a case by case basis. In some instances it may be better for all parties that Baker Small retain the case in order to avoid delay or disruption to decision making."

Sutton-based Lib Dem county councillor, Lorna Dupré, was among those furious by the tweets. She said: "The messages appeared to gloat at the defeat of parents fighting for the interests of their children, and laugh at those who have lost their cases.

"Many of these cases are immensely upsetting, and for a company employed by the council to publicly humiliate the parents involved is unprofessional and totally unacceptable."

The firm later posted an apology online, which read: "We recognise the strength of feeling following the deletion of some of our tweets and for the content. We reiterate our sincere apology."

The company said it would make a donation to Children's Hospice South West but did not reveal the size of the donation.

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Bev, 75, thanks rescue students

RESCUE PARTY: Bev Lorking was helped after the accident by, clockwise from left: Jamie Brown, Aiden Harlock, Alex Metcalfe, Ben Storey, Zach Peacock, Adam Drewery, Jake Barnes and George Freeman PICTURE: Richard Patterson

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

A PENSIONER has personally thanked the "phenomenal" students who rushed to his aid when he severely broke his leg in two places.

Bev Lorking, 75, from Soham, was walking his greyhound Pat when his left foot slipped horizontally into a hole in the ground.

His foot was in an awkward position and he was in excruciating pain and screaming for help. He has two artificial knees and wasn't able to simply lift his foot out of the hole and his leg started to slip in further and further.

Every time he tried to pull his foot out of the hole or remove his shoe from his foot, he says he could "hear bones cracking".

Bev, who lives in College Road with his wife, Lee, eventually managed to go down on his side and dragged himself along the footpath, still crying out for help.

It was as he got near the fence surrounding Soham Village College's playing field that Bev's cries for help were finally heard – by a group of eight students who had stayed behind after school for a game of football.

All eight – Jamie Brown, Aiden Harlock, Alex Metcalfe, Ben Storey, Zach Peacock, Adam Drewery, Jake Barnes and George Freeman – abandoned their kick-about and rushed to Bev's help.

Bev had broken both his tibia and his fibula in his left leg – breakages so severe that it took emergency services nearly four hours to get him off the ground.

Recalling the incident, which happened at around 5.15pm on Friday, May 20, Lee, 74, said: "I have never heard a man scream like it in my life; Bev was in agony.

"The breaks were so bad that the emergency services weren't able to get him off the ground until 9.30pm.

"They were absolutely amazing but so too were the college boys.

"One of them dialled 999, two of them came to my house to tell me what had happened, a couple of them were standing at the end of the Millenium Footpath to show the ambulance drivers where we were and two of them even ran about a mile across fields to catch our dog, who had decided to go off on an adventure.

"All eight of them stayed with us for hours and didn't get to finish their football game. They were phenomenal and they are a credit to their families and their school."

Bev was taken to Addenbrooke's and, after an operation the following day, he was eventually allowed to return home the following Wednesday.

But it will be at least six months before he is able to stand properly again.

The couple wrote a letter to the *Ely News* thanking the students, who they did not know by name, for their efforts that evening.

The *Ely News* then contacted the college and last Friday, Bev was invited along to the school to meet the students who helped him.

Lee said: "It was really emotional actually. All the lads said they just did what anyone else would have done, but what they did for us that evening will never be forgotten."

The pupils were not only thanked personally by their principal, Dr Carin Taylor, but were also due to be given a special mention in assemblies this week – and given special treatment in the school canteen.

COMMUNITY

Sell-out jazz concert raises £2,500

AN afternoon of jazz has raised more than £2,000 for Amnesty International.

Around 200 people attended Amnesty International Ely City Group's Ronnie Scott's All Stars jazz concert in the gardens of the Old Palace on June 5.

The event raised £2,500 for Amnesty International to support its campaign against Female Genital Mutilation, and child marriage in Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone.

The campaign is running until July 18. To donate or to find out more, visit amnesty.org.uk/grouprevolution.

COMMUNITY

Garden party to celebrate Mothers' Union's 140th year

THE Ely Diocesan Mothers' Union (MU) is celebrating the organisation's 140th anniversary with a summer garden party this Friday.

The event is being held at the Bishop's Garden and will feature strawberries and fizz, live music and a prize raffle.

Susan Baker, president of the Ely MU, is advising people to take along a folding garden chair and to wear a hat if at all possible.

She said: "We will be welcoming some very special guests – Bishop David Huntingdon and his dear wife, Jean, and Cllr Ian Lindsay, the Mayor of Ely, accompanied by the Mayoress, Suzanne Lindsay.

"Do bring family and friends as they will help to make the celebration."

The event is from 6-8.30pm.

Tickets are free although donations would be gratefully received, with proceeds going to MU projects. Call (01353) 652718 for more information.

Family picnic to mark the Queen's birthday

STRAWBERRIES were devoured at a picnic held to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

The event took place at Ely's Jubilee Gardens last Thursday and was organised by Sue Smith, who is Cambridgeshire's local facilitator for the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY).

Ten childminders and nearly 30 children came together for the event, which saw them decorating crowns with jewels and enjoying cucumber sandwiches and strawberries near the bandstand.

The food was provided courtesy of Tesco in Ely.

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SMILES AND FLAGS: Sue Smith, left, organised the family picnic in Ely to celebrate the Queen's birthday. PICTURE: David Johnson

FUNDRAISING

Take part in colour dash for EACH

A COLOUR dash is being held in Ely this summer to raise funds for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

Colour dashes are the latest craze to hit the UK and see participants racing around a 5km course as they are showered with clouds of brightly coloured powder.

The Cambridgeshire Colour Dash is being held in the grounds of King's Ely on Saturday, August 13, starting at 11am.

Early bird discounted tickets are available until Wednesday, June 22.

Peter Law, Cambridgeshire's Community Fundraiser for EACH, said: "We are thrilled to be launching tickets for our Cambridgeshire Colour Dash. There's a week left to take advantage of our early bird ticket price, so book now to get your tickets!

"These events are such an impressive sight and great fun for all the family. It's not a race, you can run, jog or walk the 5km route – just be prepared to be covered in colourful powered paint by our colour pirates!"

People of all ages, including children, can take part. For tickets or to find out more, call (01223) 204916 or visit each.org.uk.

CRIME

Firearm and drugs seized

JORDAN **DAY**
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A PROHIBITED firearm and more than 60 cannabis plants have been seized from properties in Ely and Beck Row.

Police officers from Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk joined forces to execute warrants at two addresses – one in Clayway, Ely, and one in Willow Park, Beck Row.

More than 60 cannabis plants and a prohibited firearm were discovered at the properties, which were raided last Thursday.

The firearm and cannabis were seized, as was a car and a caravan.

Two men, both aged 20 and from Ely, were arrested on suspicion of burglary.

A 21-year-old man, from Norfolk, was also arrested on suspicion of burglary, cultivating cannabis, theft and handling stolen goods.

All three have been bailed to attend King's Lynn Police Investigation Centre on July 29.

Sgt Phil Priestley, who is based in Ely, said: "This was an excellent and very successful operation.

"We recovered an array of prohibited items and there are a number of follow up enquiries that will take place.

"Our proactive efforts to prevent and detect burglary across the region will continue and this demonstrates our ability to use technology to share intelligence and formulate effective strategies that disrupt crime and protect the communities we serve."

RAIDED: More than 60 cannabis plants, a firearm, a car and a caravan were all seized by police

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What do YOU think, Lucy?

YOU have had a plethora of letters regarding the EU referendum. I'll try to reply briefly to each one.

Mr Paul Garner, of Soham, has been busy but he hasn't found the time to call on me. If he turns up on my doorstep, I'll detain him with Remain points that are superior to his Leave ones.

Mr Frank Lindsell, of Ely, cites his heroic relatives' heroic roles in the second World War. I am thankful for Mr Lindsell's relatives' heroism but I want to see no more wars between European nation states (the second World War was largely but not wholly between European nation states).

Mr Lindsell also cites NATO for its role in keeping the peace in Europe. NATO did a fantastic job in keeping the Soviets at bay but the Soviet Union collapsed in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Then NATO got involved in Iraq and Afghanistan, rightly or wrongly: some think wrongly. Mr Lindsell must remember that NATO is and always has been a creature of the United States and, with more isolationist elements coming to the fore in the US, he must know that reliance wholly on NATO and the US doesn't make the sense that it used to. European nation states must shift more themselves and each other lest the US divorces itself from Europe. For our collective safety's sake, I shall vote REMAIN.

Mr John D. Parfoot, of Littleport, says that the EU is a 'dictatorship' and that Mrs Merkel, with all her faults, is 'unelected.' Mr Parfoot needs to check his facts before writing to you. His other points – about Emperor Napoleon (who was really an emperor), 'Emperor' Hitler (who wasn't an emperor), the Soviet monster Stalin (who had an empire but wasn't an emperor, either) and his derogatory attitude toward 'Old Barmy' Obama - are also in need of a rethink before Mr Parfoot writes to you again.

Mr Roger Cole, of Witchford, says that 'we are shackled to a beached whale' and goes on to say that, 'Europe and the UK have the potential, the imagination, the inventiveness, the entrepreneurial commercial skills to lead this world of ours to a much higher plain morally and economically ...' I couldn't have put it better myself, which is why I shall vote Remain.

Mr Malcolm Sabin, of Ely, writes briefly and very much to the point. I congratulate and thank him.

But there was no letter from our South East Cambridgeshire MP. Isn't it time for Ms Frazer to give us a lead? She has become the 'dog in the night-time (the one that didn't bark).' Aside from her wittering on Facebook about subjects that are a lot less important than the referendum, we 'hear' nothing from the lady. Come on Lucy: tell us what you really believe. Jim Paice made and makes himself clear: why won't you?

Geoffrey Woollard
St Andrew's Park
Soham

We are better staying in

I WOULD like to respond to the letter from my old friend Frank Lindsell in last week's edition. He argues very eloquently in favour of leaving the EU. I should like to indicate why I think we will all be better off staying IN.

When we joined the European Economic Community in the early 70s we were "The sick man of Europe". During the last four decades we have become a leading member and have transformed many of its policies, to our advantage.

We have kept out of the Schengen agreement and have not joined the eurozone, grown faster than most other members and created more jobs and we could become the most prosperous and most successful of all the members. We have done and will continue to do this in spite of all the nonsense about red tape and Brussels bureaucracy. We are in fact among the least regulated members on a par with Australia, Canada and the USA. What more can the Brexiters want?

Of course we could scrap all food regulations, environmental efforts to clean up the seas and the atmosphere and the protections to workers including a better deal for women. So why should we turn our backs on these advantages. It was during Mrs. Thatchers regime that most of these gains were made. There is scarcely a reputable economist or representative of big business or the Unions who want get OUT.

It is quite extraordinary that, when presented with any sound reason for staying In that the Brexiters say"that's not true mate" without providing any proper facts to back them up. Everything according to Johnson, Gove and Farage will be quite OK. How on earth do they know?

How about immigration? Well the largest numbers are from outside the EU. They come here to find work and security. Most of them contribute to our economy. As far as people from the EU if we wish to trade with them they will demand the right to the free movement of people. Remember too that very large numbers of our people study, work and live in other European countries. Thousands have retired to Spain, France and Italy.

The biggest problems of mass migration are not about Europe. They are about all the problems in the Middle East and Africa. Those problems are more likely to be resolved by UK as a member of the EU Community than acting alone.

Finally if we leave the EU it could be the start of a break up. Do we really wish to return to a continent of many states, often at odds with others without co-operating together?

Let us continue to try to improve the lives and futures of all our citizens. Remain in and continue to be a strong and influential member.

Frank Bowles
Lynn Road
Ely

I'll vote on my dad's behalf

EXCELLENT letters from Messrs Garner, Lindsell and Parfoot about the wretched referendum.

The government's ability to extend voter registration by two days would do any dictator credit given its blatant intent.

I suspect many not entitled to vote will now be registered without any regulation.

Added to that we have German Finance Minister, Wolfgang Schauble, stating that if we leave we can not even have a deal like the one with Norway. So much for such issues to be approved by all EU countries.

Increasingly I realise that despite Germany being conquered in two world wars, it has gained overall control of Europe by stealth because our lily-livered politicians have allowed it.

Shamefully Major, Blair, Brown and Cameron and their followers have squandered the sacrifices made by British and Allied members of the armed forces. Even more so is the total ingratitude of those EU countries they liberated from the Nazis. The latest disgrace is Cameron and Osborne, having just attended a church service, resorting to threatening the sick and the elderly.

It is scarey because one feels that if the Vote Leave wins, these awful people will ensure that their predictions will come true.

So much for democracy.

Some time ago I stated that shortly before my father died suddenly, he said he was ashamed to have voted for membership of the EU. "We were deceived, it was just supposed to be a Common Market". That was when at least Mrs Thatcher was refusing to sign the Maastricht Treaty and slow things down. What would he say now?

I will vote on his behalf because his father fought in both world wars, he fought in WWII, as did his brothers and sister. He also stayed on for two years to help German civilians and Jews in the camps.

He was a staunch Tory and a deeply Christian man and he would be appalled by the spivs who now are in charge of our country.

Dear Dad, thank goodness you are not alive to see what is happening to the country you loved so much.

Diana Donald
Address supplied

A future inside is very dark...

VERY little has been said in the Referendum debate about the anger that I, and presumably many others, feel at the way we have been lied to and possibly even worse, had our intelligence insulted by the EU elite.

In 1975 I was hoodwinked by Heath into supporting what I was led to believe was a Free Trade Area: he knew full well that it was the first step towards a Federal Europe. Hain, as Minister for Europe,told us that signing away more of our rights was merely" A tidying up exercise".

Even more insulting was Vaz "No more effect than the Beano". Our fishing industry has been all but destroyed in the name of fish conservation.

The EU has financed the building of super trawlers for Ireland and Poland. Our local MEP appeared on television recently telling us that "The cost of EU bureaucracy was a mere pin prick", yes, a pin prick which could fill in a lot of pot holes, or keep open a lot of day care centres etc.

The EU gravy train makes the Westminster version look like a clockwork toy, not to mention the corruption, the Auditors have refused to sign off the accounts for decades.

All this is not surprising. Jean Monnet, the Marxist regarded by many as the founding father of the EU Project, said at the outset that countries would not give up their Democratic freedoms willingly and that the whole operation would have to be conducted by stealth,is this not exactly what has happened?

Much is made of the catastrophe which will befall business and the financial services if we leave Europe.

It is not surprising that the big institutions wish to remain. They have invested in large Compliance departments, paid for ultimately by the consumer, so that they can move smoothly through the labyrinth of regulations.

They hate sudden change as a certain amount of disruption would ensue. Big corporations have no loyalties but to themselves, they will move to the most favourable trading environment with an agility which is totally impossible in the lumbering, bureaucratic system of the public sector.

If we create a suitable trading environment outside the EU, which is possible if we release ourselves from the shackles of Brussels, companies will happily locate in the UK.

The future for the EU is looking increasingly like a Mark 2 version of the USSR, unelected bureaucrats issuing "Directives" (Diktats) and the lack of Democratic accountability, not to mention the way the European Court of Justice is arrogating powers to itself. A future inside the European Bloc, in my view is dark indeed.

It is a great tragedy, considering the sacrifices which have been made, the blood and treasure which has been spent over the centuries to wrest power from the unelected elites, that we should hand our freedom over to the faceless monolith which the EU has become.

Alan Frobisher
Beald Way
Ely

We're better off staying in

I CONSIDER myself a fair person, I like to weigh up the pros and cons of any debate and the EU is no exception. I was already fairly clear

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in my mind to which way I am voting anyway.

■ I worked for an electronics company before I retired, they made printed circuit boards. When we shipped inside the EU it was just like sending something to someone in the next street or village. When we wanted to ship outside the EU it took weeks, sometimes several months.

■ We have had peace in our country for 70 years. Unlike my parents I haven't lived through any World Wars. I have heard people say, but Europe won't start attacking us if we leave, well maybe they won't in the first 10 years. But what about other countries i.e Ireland Republic – what's to stop them attacking us? Scotland will definitely break away from the UK if we leave the EU because they want to be part of the EU. We spent 6-700 fighting in the northern borders of England with Scotland, which is something that could also happen again.

■ Our supermarkets are stocked with goods from all over the world. I don't doubt that we could possibly still buy goods from Europe but why should they sell them to us at the same price if we are outside of Europe? If that were the case every country would want to leave the EU, but I am sure the cost of living will rise.

■ People tell me we have to take back our borders and control them. Have they not noticed every time we come into the UK you have to go through passport control? If we are little England why should the French keep the controls at Calais? If people are concerned about immigrants and refugees, they will be more likely and more able to come when we are outside of the EU. Just have to get into boats and come across the channel – it's only 21 miles, if France take down the controls they have at the moment.

So we will be more vulnerable to terrorists' attacks and immigrants coming. The boats could just head around the corner away from Dover and land, just as they have done on the Greek Islands and other places. If we want extra security we need to be part of the bigger picture and there is no reason now why we cannot put up extra security around out Island which we will have to do if we come out of the EU. I just wonder where people think all the money is going to come from, certainly not from pulling out of the EU.

■ I am also aware that we pay billions of pounds into the EU, no-one seems to mention all the money we get back. When we went to Southern Ireland we would see signs on bridges and building. 'Built with money from the EU'. I don't know why we haven't been doing that here, because we certainly get money from the EU for projects

■ Most of the laws are British laws that people complain about. There are good EU laws for employees: holiday pay, maximum working hours, maternity and paternity leave.

I don't understand what the Brexit people are saying that it will make no difference – we will still be able to trade and nothing will change. If we pull out we will just be little England floundering along at risk from terrorist attacks and as far as I am concerned going back to the 1950s when most of the fruit and vegetables we had in the shops were what you could grow in your own garden.

We have to look beyond our own selfish attitude and consider our children and grandchildren's futures and get away from this appalling attitude that we have towards refugees and migrants.

Pauline Wilson
Station Road
Haddenham

Your pictures

WILD FLOWERS: Rodney Vincent, from Soham Road, Stuntney, took this photo of wood anemones and bluebells alongside Devil's Ditch in Woodditton

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Let's leave and get better still

DAVID Cameron said he would allow us the freedom to choose whether we wished to remain in or leave Europe, and he then proceeds to cajole, persuade and threaten us into voting for his chosen path.

Amid the confusion created by the voices of those who wish us to join with them when we vote to Remain or Leave the European Union, perhaps one should ignore all opinions and vote on known facts,

Remaining in Europe means that we have to accept unlimited and uncontrolled immigration.

Remaining means that we have to accept limitations on our ability to trade with the whole world.

Remaining means that we are joined at the hip to an inefficient failing organisation that has a lower living standard than ourselves, more unemployment and less growth than ourselves.

Remaining means that we become part of a European Union that cannot be reformed, David Cameron tried and failed to achieve any worthwhile reforms.

Remaining means that we become part of an organisation that is failing and will drag us down.

Leaving means that we will regain our right to govern ourselves in a democratic country where we are able to remove politicians which we think are unsuitable.

Leaving means that we will be able to control immigration into our already overcrowded country.

Leaving means that we will be able to trade with the whole world, not just the 5% of the population that lives in Europe but the 95 % that live outside the European Union many of whom are emerging nations now in the process of creating their infrastructures, and are now becoming great people to trade with.

That's why John Bamford of J.C.B. earth moving equipment is voting for freedom.

Leaving means we can continue to grow and become an ever Greater Britain.

Frank Lindsell
St Johns Road
Ely

If we leave, we can't change it

There has been much speculation about the after effects if we vote in the Referendum to leave the EU. A great variety of predictions has been offered but all anticipate a result favouring their own side.

If we vote to remain, we know already how the EU operates and our position within it but if we exit, the results are uncertain.

The arguments voiced within the UK make it clear that the UK is not alone in seeking reforms.

If you are in the garden, you can help choose what plants you want and identify the weeds to be discarded. What will our influence be, looking from outside, over the garden wall?

If Brexit wins the day, we lose the right to take part in EU policy making; our former allies will carry on without us and our voice will not be heard.

The EU will not cease to exist but our position will rely entirely on goodwill, unlikely to be helped by ill judged remarks about Hitler and Napoleon.

France has been very helpful in allowing British passport control to operate on their side of the Channel.

We remain, of course, members of NATO but much that we currently share within the EU will be lost if we are outside, and who knows what extra paperwork would be required for our traders?

Jeremy Friend-Smith,
Egremont Street
Ely

The Littleport 6 remembered...

A tribute to the Littleport 6, 200 years on from the anniversary of their murder/ execution...

The Littleport 6, remembered
1816, a year on from bloody Waterloo.
The harvests failed again; and rents rise.
Wages fall as the soldiers come back home.
Labourers earn just 9 and 6 a week.
A stone of flour now more than half a crown.
Low wages not enough for rent and bread.
So what do poor men do when families starve
While vicar, farmer, banker and miller prosper?

May 22nd, they met, they drank, anger spilled out.
They went for the land owner and the vicar,
They sought food,wages,beer and money.
They put wealthy ladies in fear of life and limb.
Overseer Martin was warned and went to ground.
Vicar Vachell read the Riot Act and fled to Ely
Out the back door, post haste, pistol in hand.
The Bishop summoned cavalry and troopers
From Bury barracks and Royston town.

Thursday, May 23rd, the restless men moved to Ely
And demanded higher wages of the magistrates.
The gentlemen gave beer and promises
Until the troops arrived and cleared the streets.
Friday 24th, the troopers rounded up the men.
Sindall was shot dead by a trooper as he fled.
Badger had his chin chopped by a sabre.
70 were herded back to Ely and the gaol.
£400 of goods, chattels, cash returned..
Warrants and rewards were put out for the rest.
2 rioters were worth £10 to a labourer in Lakenheath.
And this is what men do when their families starve.

In June they put 43 men and Sarah Hobbs on trial
For their lives , after the Bishop, Judge and notables
Had breakfasted, in the palace, Halleluhed in the church
Lunched, and swore in the gentlemen of the jury.
Saturday 22nd, 1816, 23 men and Sarah Hobbs condemned.
19 had the sentences commuted, they were all transported..
5 labouring Littleport men condemned to death.
William Beamiss, shoemaker.George Crow, Labourer.
John Dennis, publican.Isaac Harley, Labourer.
Thomas South, Labourer, the youngest at 22.
This is what gentlemen do to those that starve.

Friday 28th of June,Ely, the 5 men, 300 notables
With white wands, processed through Ely to Parnell Pits.
Bishop Bowyer Sparke, chief of justice in the Isle
Paid for the hanging cords, the cart and hanging ropes.
The dead men were put on show in Gaol St by the Bell
Then buried, unmarked, next day in St Mary's yard.
The warning plaque lists the 5 hanged, but not Sindall, shot.
No soldier was charged for the Sindall shooting.
Vicar Vachell got £700 for his losses at the next Assizes.
So what should poor men do when families starve?

Andy Cogan
Upware

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Birthday Greetings

Happy 18th Birthday

Flood Lauren

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Hope you have a fabulous weekend.

From all the family xx

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SAMANTHA COLLEN

Happy 18th Birthday on 15th June.
Love from,
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Heidi, Jessica, Iain, Bonnie,
Eva-May, Aaron, Emily,
Scarlett Amie
and Alex

xxx

SHIPP TWINS 21

Stacie Ann & Tamsin Mary

Congratulations and Best Wishes
on your special day.
Love,
Steven and Nanna

xx

SHIPP TWINS 21

Tammy and Stacie Shipp

Happy 21st Birthday
on 21st June
Enjoy your party.
Lots of hugs and kisses,
Mum, Dad, Dotty and Ziggy

xxxx

Fathers Day Greetings

BULLMAN Derek — Happy Fathers Day Dad/Grandad. Have a great day and hope you enjoy the concert. Love you to the moon and back. Paul, Val, Kim & Jade xxxxxx

HOLDERNESS Gordon H — To Daddy & Papa. We love you very much and we are always very proud of you. Thank you for just being you and loving us like you do. We love you to the stars and back, always and forever x x x x x x x x x x x Lyndsey & Kailey

PEACHEY Tim — Happy fathers day to the best dad ever. Not only are you my dad but my best friend. Thank you for always being there for me and my kids. We wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for you so thank you. Love you always xxx Rachel

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Fathers Day Greetings

World's Best Dad!

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Derek John

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Alison, Peter, Catherine and Jethro

Deaths

BURTON
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of Hillrow Haddenham

Passed peacefully away at his home on Thursday, June 9th 2016, aged 94 years. Dearly loved husband of Rhona, loving father of Elizabeth and her partner Subra.

Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Haddenham on Wednesday June 22nd at 1.30pm, followed by interment in the parish cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations if desired for The International League for the Protection of Horses or Macmillan Cancer Support will be gratefully received at the service or c/o

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GREEN
Keith

Passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on June 4th 2016, aged 85 years.

Beloved dad to Corinne, April, Dale and Jodie, brother and grandad.

Sadly missed by us all. Forever in our hearts.

Funeral service at 11am on Wednesday 22nd June at St Mary's Church, Ely.

Family flowers only, donations if desired for East of England Ambulance Service, maybe made at the service or be sent to Ely Funeral Services.

SIZER
Fred

of Soham passed peacefully away at Soham Lodge Care Centre on Friday 10th June, 2016, aged 89 years.

Beloved husband of the late Sally, dearly loved brother of Jean, a much loved uncle, great-uncle and friend to many.

Funeral Service at Soham Cemetery Chapel on Monday 27th June at 2.30 p.m.

No flowers by request but donations if desired for Soham Lodge Care Centre Residents Fund may be left at the service or sent to C. E. Fuller & Co. 23 Hall Street, Soham CB7 5BN 01353 720439

WEBBER
PAUL

Passed away peacefully in his sleep on 15th May 2016 aged 55. Paul was cremated and the family would like to thank everybody for their kindness and support during this sad loss.
Donations if desired in memory of Paul to be sent to Poss+Ability Ely

The Family

In Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF
Mum and Dad

To Charlie (3rd April 2008)
In duty's round by day or night,
The thought of you steals on my heart.
The dear companion of my dreams,
So near and yet so far apart.
You are my sunshine and my song,
My guiding star that never pales.
The silver lining in the clouds,
My lucky charm that never fails.
It's in my heart to stir me on,
My faith and courage to renew.
It's always there and everywhere,
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EDUCATION

Teacher Robyn is awarded MBE for dedication

DEDICATED: Robyn Dalby-Stockwell

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ROBYN Dalby-Stockwell is among the names on this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Robyn, 79, who lives in Wilburton, has been awarded an MBE for nearly 60 years of dedicated service to children with learning difficulties.

She was a pioneer teacher of synthetic phonics at a time when the method was considered unfashionable and irrelevant.

Robyn was to see standards slip as a result of using inferior teaching methods and more and more children becoming unable to read.

Determined to rescue those abandoned by their teachers and the education authorities, she carried on teaching synthetic phonics using her own system with remarkable success.

She accepted any child of any background for whatever fees the parents could afford and in due course Robyn was vindicated by synthetic phonics returning to schools and reading standards beginning to improve.

Now, having taught for 57 years, Robyn is nearing her 80th birthday and is determined to continue helping her children attain the gift of literacy for as long as she is able.

Commenting on her MBE, she said: "I dedicate my honour to all my kids who have worked so hard to fulfil their potential."

Robyn is also a writer and director of Alonah Reading Cambridge. Visit alonahreadingcambridge.com to find out more.

High-tech high flyers from Cambridge – and an ex-student who invented the Innocent Smoothie – are among others on the list.

COMMUNITY

Refugee Week

ELY Refugee Resettlement Campaign has organised two events to mark Refugee Week.

The first is the prizegiving and display of winning entries for the group's recent children's poster design competition.

The event is at Ely Library this Saturday at 2pm. The winning posters will then be displayed in the library until Wednesday, June 22. On June 22 there is also a public meeting at Ely's Maltings from 7-9pm to launch and discuss the Unaccompanied Children Initiative and to update on the campaign. Go to elyrefugeeresettlement.co.uk to find out more.

POLICE

Extra patrols for Euro 2016

JORDAN **DAY**
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POLICE patrols are being increased in Ely city centre – and the surrounding town centres – during the 2016 UEFA European Championships.

Cambridgeshire Police are promising there will be additional patrols in the county's town and city centres to "help ensure football fans enjoy a peaceful and incident-free Euro 2016".

Euro 2016 is hosted in France and runs from June 10 to July 10.

During the tournament, police say there will be additional patrols before, during and after England games and other significant fixtures.

Chief Inspector Karen Newton said: "Our presence will be to maintain public safety and ensure fans can enjoy an incident-free Euro 2016.

"And that those who are not celebrating the tournament can go about their normal routine without disruption.

"We are working with pubs to make sure people do not drink too much alcohol and officers will take action to nip potential problems in the bud.

"We are not out to spoil anyone's fun but we will not tolerate anti-social or criminal behaviour."

In Cambridgeshire, police have enforced football banning orders on 20 people, 11 from Peterborough and nine from South and East Cambridgeshire.

They were required to surrender their passports to police stations by June 1 for the duration of the tournament, unless they had been given exceptions to travel on holiday to location other than France during the tournament.

CRIME

Car fire in Coveney was arson

POLICE are investigating an arson attack after a car was set on fire in Downham Hythe Drove in Coveney.

Firefighters from Ely attended the blaze at 5.45am last Wednesday.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "Firefighters used a hose reel to extinguish the fire. The cause of the fire was deliberate."

Anyone with any information about the incident is urged to call police on 101.

TEAM SPIRIT: Some of the Mito Angels, including Claire Wright, on the far left.

Angels raise £5,000 for research

PARENTS have raised around £5,000 for a charity close to their hearts.

The Mito Angels, which includes Claire Wright, 42, from Sutton, took part in the gruelling Vitality London 10,000 event in aid of the Lily Foundation, which raises money into finding a cure for mitochondrial disease. Like Claire, all of the Mito Angels are parents who have lost children or been affected by mitochondrial disease.

Claire, whose son, Jacob, died in 2012 aged just 16 months, said: "The 10,000 was tough but we did it as a team and it was a perfect tribute to our angels." To donate, visit justgiving.com/Team-Jacum-s-London10000.

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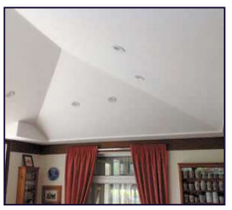

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HISTORY

£36,000 grant for Somme memorial

A PROJECT to research and share information on the Cambridgeshire soldiers who died in the Battle of the Somme is to be helped by over £36,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Cambridgeshire County Council has secured over £36,000 in Heritage Lottery funding to deliver 'Cambridgeshire Pals, A Digital Memorial to the 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment'.

The project aims to raise awareness of the Cambridgeshire men who enlisted in the Suffolk Regiment and suffered tragic losses in the Battle of the Somme 1916 and to create a digital memorial to remember them.

The project will involve local people – Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network (CCAN) members, families and local historians – in research into the men who fell. It will be delivered in partnership with CCAN which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year.

In the year of the 100th anniversary, the project seeks to recognise the loss and the bravery of all those who gave their lives in the battle.

July 1, 1916, was the first day of the Battle of the Somme, which lasted until November 18, 1916.

The casualties sustained by the 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment in just a few hours that morning of July 1 were the largest in any single battalion in their division.

To get involved or to find out more, visit great-war.ccan.co.uk or call Jo Gray on (01223) 715476.

GETTING CREATIVE: Both Little Miracles volunteers and users took part in the Arts Award Discover programme.

Arts Award success at Little Miracles

A CHARITY which supports local children with additional needs has become a recognised Arts Award Discover centre.

Little Miracles Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket, which is based at the Ely Community Centre, will now be able to run Arts Award Discover projects after nine of its volunteers completed assessor training for the scheme, qualifying the charity to become a recognised centre for the programme.

After five weeks of working on things like T-shirt designing, clay modelling and dance, more than 30 of its youngsters also completed the programme and were awarded certificates.

The charity says it has "plenty of fresh ideas" for its next programme. Visit littlemiraclescharity.org.

DEVELOPMENT

Townhouses approved for rear of Fore Hill

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

TWO separate developers have received opposing outcomes for plans to upgrade adjacent sites in Ely.

Plans to expand 3At3 Real Ale and Craft Beer Café, at the rear of 8, Fore Hill, and to build three one-bedroom flats at the site have been refused by East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee.

However, proposals to part-demolish the rear wing of the former Bargain Superstore premises at 10, Forehill, which backs on to Three Cups Walk, to make way for six townhouses and an apartment to be built at the site, have been approved.

The decisions on the schemes were made at the district council's planning committee meeting last Wednesday.

Local property developer James Bateson's proposals for 10, Forehill, were first on the agenda and Kim Griffin's application for 8, Forehill, was heard straight afterwards.

In his report on Mr Bateson's plans, senior planning officer Andrew Phillips said: "The impact upon the rear of 8, Forehill, is a significant consideration within the determination of this application.

"The proposed development at 8, Forehill, in turn would cause detrimental overbearing if both developments were built. It is the view of officers that the rear of 8, Forehill, has become commercial space as no council tax has been paid recently.

"This weighs in favour of granting approval of the development at 10, Forehill, which in turn, means that the development at the rear of 8, Forehill, would need to be refused on the grounds of detrimental overbearing of this proposal."

Members followed Mr Phillips' recommendations and approved Mr Bateson's scheme. Mr Griffin's plans were then refused.

Some residents and business owners in Forehill are currently able to park in the car park at Mr Bateson's site but his plans involve taking up 19 spaces – seven for the new townhouses and apartment, and 12 for the apartments he is planning to build above the retail block on Ely's Market Place.

Mr Phillips said Mr Griffin's development "by virtue of its scale, form and design is considered to significantly harm Ely Conservation Area as it does not reflect the character of the surrounding area".

Concerning Mr Bateson's plans, he said: "While the external space is below standard, the proposed dwellings have easy access to the public open spaces that Ely provides."

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So what makes this particular business stand out from the crowd? Well, Nick believes that a combination of factors has helped it become the area's longest-serving and best-loved glass and double glazing company.

SUCCESS STORY: Business is run by Nick Flack – main picture

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The company is always delighted to show customers around its Lancaster Way Business Park premises. Having looked around the factory and seen a snapshot of the manufacturing and fabrication process, people without fail become all the more keen to use its services.

It's an ethos that has seen the firm build a great reputation over the years. Its website – *nandcglass.co.uk* – is crammed full of testimonials from satisfied customers, many of whom recommend their services to family and friends, or even use them more than once themselves.

Nick is also rightly proud of the firm's roots in the area – employing more than 30 people, they've trained many locals over the years to become part of the expert workforce they now deploy, and to this day they still take on apprentices.

GREAT WORK: From Lancaster Way Business Park

One of the more recent additions has been new trade sales manager Ian Taylor who was headhunted from a national company and has been doing a sterling job looking after the trade counter and helping that side of business grow.

Now with the hopefully warmer and sunnier weather on its way you might be thinking about how to make more space for yourself and your family, or even gearing up for the long slog of a house move. Well N&C Glass has a great suggestion: don't move, improve!

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COMMUNITY

Kate hands over her dancing shoes

END OF AN ERA: Kate Marshall is retiring nearly 20 years. PICTURE: Richard Patterson

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

THE founder of Ely's award-winning Octagon Studios Performing Arts Centre is hanging up her dancing shoes.

The centre, in the High Street, has grown from strength to strength since it was launched by Kate Marshall in 1997.

But after 19 years of putting dancers through their paces, Kate has decided it is time to retire and hand the business over – to a partnership made of the studio's experienced teachers.

Headed by Kerrie Farrington, Belinda Winters, Hannah Pyrah, Clifford Ward, Hayley Driscoll, Kate Whyborn and Hannah Sharman, Kate says she has every confidence in the new partnership.

Kate, who lives in the city, said: "I'm obviously sad to be retiring, and there have been a lot of tears, but everyone has to slow down at some point.

"The studios and everyone involved; the pupils, the teachers, the parents, have all been a huge part of my live for 19 and a half years so it's not been an easy decision to make but I have every confidence in the new partnership.

"I wouldn't just hand the business over to anyone – they are the people I trust and I know will ensure that Octagon Studios continues to provide the excellent training in the performing arts as usual."

The studio's achievements are notable with 17 of their pupils gaining places at national vocational colleges – and many of those pupils have graduated and are now working in the profession.

This year alone pupils are auditioning for the Royal Ballet School and one has been picked to perform in the National Youth Ballet production, with another gaining a summer placement at America's prestigious Ballet West.

Staff and pupils organised a surprise retirement party for Kate, which many ex-pupils and parents also attended.

Kate said: "I was so overwhelmed. I'd like to thank everyone for their lovely gifts, but mostly for them making the effort to be there.

"I'm looking forward to actually watching the big Summer Show from the audience instead of from the wings stage managing the show this year.

"I will of course be keeping an eye on everyone and watching their progress and I wish them all the best for the future."

Octagon Studios teaches ballet, contemporary dance, jazz, tap, drama, musical theatre, as well as music and singing lessons, Tai Chi, Pilates and ballroom and exercise classes.

The summer show is being held at The Maltings on Sunday, June 26 and the countdown to the annual children's summer school, which is running throughout August, is also now on.

Octagon Studios are also looking for a new musical theatre and drama teacher.

For more information, call (01353) 661919 or visit octagonstudios.co.uk.

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TRANSPORT

MPs call for upgrades at A142/A14 junction

MP Lucy Frazer is pressing the Government for improvements to the junction of the A14 and A142.

The South East Cambs MP and neighbouring MP Matthew Hancock met with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, MP Andrew Jones, to raise the issue of traffic on the A142.

They say they stressed to the minister that there are "clear economic benefits to improving access and infrastructure in the area, especially given the rising volume of traffic" and that he "listened carefully to their concerns".

Ms Frazer said: "There is strong local support, both from residents and councils, for road improvements in the area.

"Currently too much traffic on the A14 and A142 means that drivers are often forced to make unsafe choices when trying to navigate Junction 37, and it is clear that a solution is needed. I am delighted that the Department for Transport has considered these concerns and I look forward to working together with local councils, Highways England and the department to find a viable solution."

Ms Frazer is also pressing for the A10 between Ely and Cambridge to be upgraded, something which the Chancellor told her recently he is "looking closely" at.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Family art workshops

FREE family art workshops are being held as part of this summer's Isle of Ely Arts Festival.

The Shakespeare-themed sessions are at Soham Library this Saturday from 9.30am-12.30pm, at Mandeville Hall in Burwell on Sunday from 10.30am-2.30pm and at the Babylon Gallery in Ely on Sunday, June 26 from 11am-2pm.

All ages are welcome to take part. Visit isleofelyartsfestival.org.uk to find out more.

Sun shines high over Rotary Club barbecue

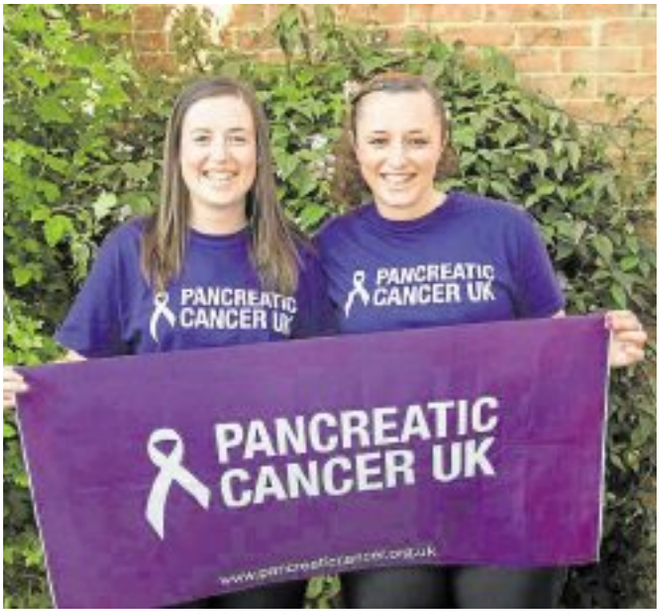
ELY Rotary Club's annual barbecue was blessed with glorious sunshine.

Around 50 members and guests came together for the event in the garden of Enid and John Bedford's home in Witchford.

Red and white chairs were kindly donated by St. Christopher Church in Red Lodge. For information on how to become a Rotary member, visit elyrotary.co.uk.

FUNDRAISING

Sisters' big leap to raise funds for cancer charity



DAREDEVILS: Sisters Becky, left, and Zoe Marley are taking part in a tandem skydive to raise as much money as they can for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

TWO sisters are taking to the skies in memory of their beloved dad.

Zoe and Becky Marley, from Ely, have decided to face their fear of heights by doing a charity tandem skydive on Saturday, June 18.

Their dad, Richard, who was an active sportsman and popular figure in the Ely area, sadly lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in April.

His daughters, Zoe, 19, and Becky, 23, who are both former Ely College students, are now raising as much as they can for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Zoe, who is studying sport and exercise science at the University of Lincoln, said: "Sadly, on April 25 this year, our dad lost his very brave battle against pancreatic cancer.

"We were both so proud of how well he coped after he was diagnosed in February 2015, and at the start, even though he was going through intense chemotherapy, he was still as active as he was before, still cycling, running, going to circuit training and spinning.

"I know dad will be laughing when it comes to us doing our skydive and when he sees Becky hanging out of the plane almost crying, but I also know he will be so proud."

Zoe and Becky, who works at Whiting and Partners chartered accountants in Ely, set themselves a fundraising target of £500.

But donations started to pour in and the brave duo have already raised more than £3,000.

Zoe said: "We're both totally overwhelmed by how generous our family and friends have been.

"We never thought for one minute we'd raise this much money – and we haven't even jumped out of the plane yet!

"We're supporting the charity to try and help increase the amount of research that can be done for pancreatic cancer, as at the moment under 4 per cent of patients survive five years or more.

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When asked, women said that cleaning the oven is the one chore they dislike undertaking the most, whilst at the same time they liked it to be kept clean. Men said that they are prepared under duress to clean the oven, but would much prefer it if someone else would do it for them!

This is the reason "St George Oven Cleaning" – The Oven Cleaning Specialist was established in this area and on top of that, they actually enjoy cleaning ovens – no matter how dirty their condition. They come into your home at a time and date to suit and clean your oven for you in around 2 hours using specially designed equipment.

MARK STANFORD: St George Oven Cleaning specialist

Business owner Mark Stamford said: "For the past 14 years I have seen numerous people, together with their ovens, in varying degrees of distress and need of attention respectively. In fact, ladies are often embarrassed and begin by apologising for the condition of their oven. There really is no need. No one ever apologises to the window cleaner before he begins work and this is how I look at it."

The end result is always amazing, no matter how dirty the oven to begin with. All the solutions used to clean the cooking appliances are totally non-caustic, thus avoiding potentially dangerous aerosols, chemicals and off the shelf products that can be so damaging. There are no aerosols, no mess and no harmful vapours. The oven can be used as soon as we have finished. We can also replace filters and bulbs where required.

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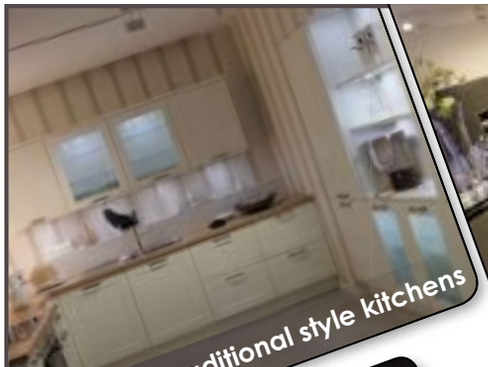

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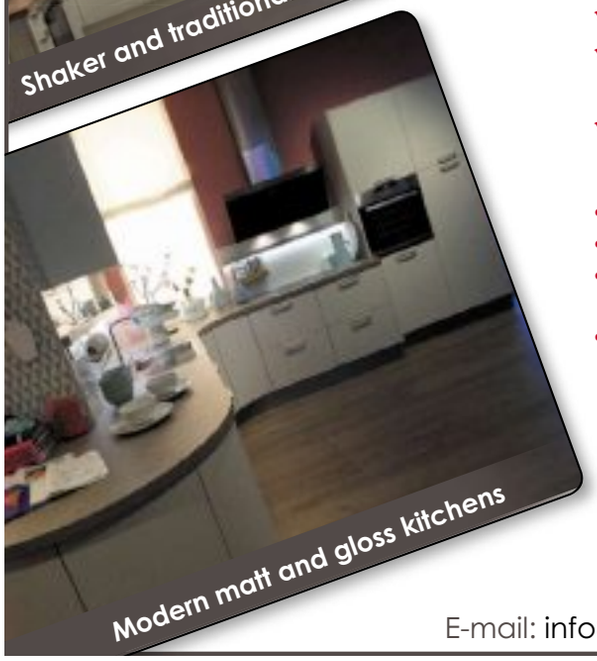

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Thrift Energy scheme saves £££s

WITH ecological concerns rarely out of the news these days, an increasing number of people are beginning to realise that becoming more energy efficient is not only good for the environment but also a valuable long-term investment. It sometime seems an impossible combination though, to save money and increase the value of your property while helping the environment at the same time.

Ely business Thrift Energy, however, firmly and passionately believes that this can and should happen, and has been a committed supporter of the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund since its launch by the Department of Energy and Climate Change in June 2014.

The government-funded scheme allows homeowners and private landlords to claim a voucher to help fund improvements, including the installation of double-glazing, solid wall insulation or energy-efficiency heating.

Having already managed to save an estimated £1,000,000 per year off fuel bills for thousands of residents and property owners by providing proper insulation – both improving people's health and reducing their carbon footprint – Thrift is now encouraging Cambridgeshire residents to take full advantage of limited funding available as part of the Cambridge Green Deal Communities Scheme.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

THRIFT ENERGY: Green Deal Communities funding is available until the end of July

Money through the scheme, which is Phase 2 of the Green Deal Fund, is available until June 30 on a first come, first served basis – it is not means tested.

The grants cover part of the cost of installing solid wall insulation, up to a maximum of £4,000 per property for home owners and £5,000 for private landlords, who are expected to pay a minimum of 25% of the cost.

For those renting, there may be a maximum of £1,000 available for other improvements recommended on an Energy Performance Certificate, such as high efficiency gas boilers or cavity wall insulation.

The Energy Saving Trust estimates that bill payers can save up to £460 per year due to the insulation conserving heat and of course the process also improves the look of the property. The Insulated Render and Cladding Association (INCA) also believe solid wall insulation will increase the value of the property.

Other benefits of the insulation – which is guaranteed for 25 years – would include a warmer and more comfortable home and reduced noise and damp.

Thrift Energy's skilled installation teams are able to create a number of decorative finishes, ensuring that the character of your home is maintained.

Thrift is one of Cambridge City Council's approved providers for this scheme, and is keen to get as many people as possible on board before the deadline at the end of August (work must be completed by August 31 this year).

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Ely

■ Coffee morning at St Mary's Church on Thursday from 9.15am.

■ Colin Davies hosting Ely Decorative and Fine Arts Society's lecture at the Old Palace on Thursday at 7.30pm. The theme is architecture, music, linear perspective and how they are linked. Non-members welcome.

■ Charity coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support at Ely Bowls Club on Saturday from 10.30am-12pm. Call (01353) 649662.

■ Beginners knitting workshop with Ginette Heard at Sew Much To Do on Saturday from 10am-12.30pm. There is also a learn how to sew workshop with Pamela Tasker on Monday, June 20 from 7-9.30pm and a soft furnishings day with Cathy Bayford on Tuesday, June 21 from 9.30am-4.30pm. Call (01353) 664000.

■ Ely Film Society screening of 1967 French film, Playtime, at the Old Palace on Monday, June 20 at 7.30pm. Non-members welcome. Call (01353) 668639.

■ Canon Dr Jessica Martin hosting lecture, entitled Visions of a Future Church, at Ely Cathedral on Monday, June 20. It starts at 7.30pm and admission is free.

■ The promise of world peace is the theme of Ely Local Discussion Group's meeting on Tuesday, June 21. The group meets at Ely Museum every Tuesday at 7.30pm. Call 07746 761519.

■ Cheeki Monkeys baby and children's market at the Ely Beet Club on Saturday, June 25 from 12-2pm. Search for the event on Facebook.

■ Jumble sale at Ely Community Centre on Sunday, June 26 from 11am-2pm. Littleport Timebank is organising the sale. Tables are £7. Call Caline on 07702 517746.

Little Downham

■ Strawberry Sundae Sunday event at St Leonard's Church on June 19 from 2.30-4.30pm. Strawberry teas, ice cream sundaes, games, stalls.

Littleport

■ Melissa Sheldrake hosting Littleport and District Flower Club's demonstration on Friday. The demo, entitled The Thyme Machine, is at the village hall at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 863421.

■ School reunion for 1965-68 leavers of Littleport's old Martin School on Saturday. The event is at the Royal British Legion at 7pm and tickets are £2.50 each. Proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal. Call (01353) 860765.

■ Quiz night at the leisure centre on Sunday in aid of Littleport Town Cricket Club. It starts at 7pm. Call (01353) 860600.

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■ Classic and vintage car event at Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum on Sunday from 11am-4.30pm. Refreshments and family fun too. Call (01353) 688360.

Soham

■ Summer fete at Soham Lodge Care Centre on Saturday, June 25 from 2.30-4pm. Stalls, children's games, music and raffles. Call (01353) 720775.

Sutton

■ Annual Sutton Beast 10K and Fun Run on Sunday. For entry details, visit suttonbeast.com.

QUESTION TIME: Some of the pupils at the Houses of Parliament with local MP Lucy Frazer, right.

Students' history trip to the capital

SOHAM Village College students visited London to learn about the history of democracy in the capital.

A group of Year 8 History pupils visited the Houses of Parliament where they took part in a workshop on modern day democracy. Local MP Lucy Frazer met with the group and answered questions, plus the students visited the National Portrait Gallery where they looked at the history of power in Britain through the portraits of Elizabeth I, Charles I and Oliver Cromwell.

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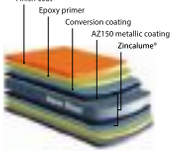

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ABELLIO Greater Anglia has moved a step closer to eliminating paper tickets following a £3 million investment in barcode readers at the ticket gates.

Passengers travelling on Abellio Greater Anglia's network are now able to buy and receive most of the train operator's tickets (via the mobile app) straight to their mobile phones and now scan them through the recently installed barcode readers at the ticket barriers.

The firm says the investment will help to reduce the use of paper tickets – and reduce queues at ticket machines and ticket gates.

Up to eight m-tickets can be purchased in one transaction using either the Abellio Greater Anglia or Trainline apps.

Once the tickets have been purchased, passengers simply need to scan the barcode at the ticket barriers when they travel.

Customers can buy tickets including advanced purchase and walk-up fares for any journey across the operator's network.

Andy Camp, Abellio Greater Anglia's commercial director, said: "We are very pleased to be one of the first operators to introduce mobile ticketing.

"The introduction of mobile tickets provides a wealth of benefits to passengers, and will make travelling simpler and more convenient by eliminating queues and paper tickets."

The investment includes the introduction of a new ticket validation database and inspection app provided by Masabi for capturing and validating barcodes.

"Mobile ticketing is revolutionising the passenger experience, making queuing at ticket machines a thing of the past. This new service allows passengers to buy tickets anytime, anyplace allowing them to simply arrive at the station and board the train," said Ben Whitaker, co-founder of Masabi.

WINNER: Mick George, who launched the firm in 1978.

Mick George Ltd scoops award

MICK George Ltd has brought another award home to Cambridgeshire.

Just a few months after being recognised in the Sunday Times Fast Track 100, the firm was crowned Tipper Haulier of the Year at the National Tip-ex and Tank-ex Gala Dinner.

Now in its fourth year, the Tipper Haulier of the Year Award is given to an independent haulier which "clearly demonstrates sound financial management and an all-round commitment to best practice and improving service levels for their customers".

Mick George started his business with just one tipper truck back in 1978.

The business has grown to become one of the leading suppliers to the construction industry in East Anglia and the East Midlands, and today employs over 700 staff across 20 sites, with a fleet in excess of 290 vehicles. Visit mickgeorge.co.uk to find out more.

Awards up for grabs

THE CLA is calling on the unsung heroes of Cambridgeshire's rural tourism industry to enter this year's Rural Business Awards (RBAs).

The organisation, which represents landowners, farmers, and rural businesses, is working in partnership with the RBAs in order to recognise entrepreneurial excellence in the countryside.

People who own or know of a business that contributes heavily to tourism in the Ely area should register their nominations before June 30.

CLA East Regional Director Ben Underwood said: "Rural tourism is on an upward curve and we're keen to recognise the achievements of the business owners working extremely hard in this industry."

The ceremony is at the Belfry Hotel in the West Midlands in October. To nominate or to find out more, go to ruralbusinessawards.co.uk/.

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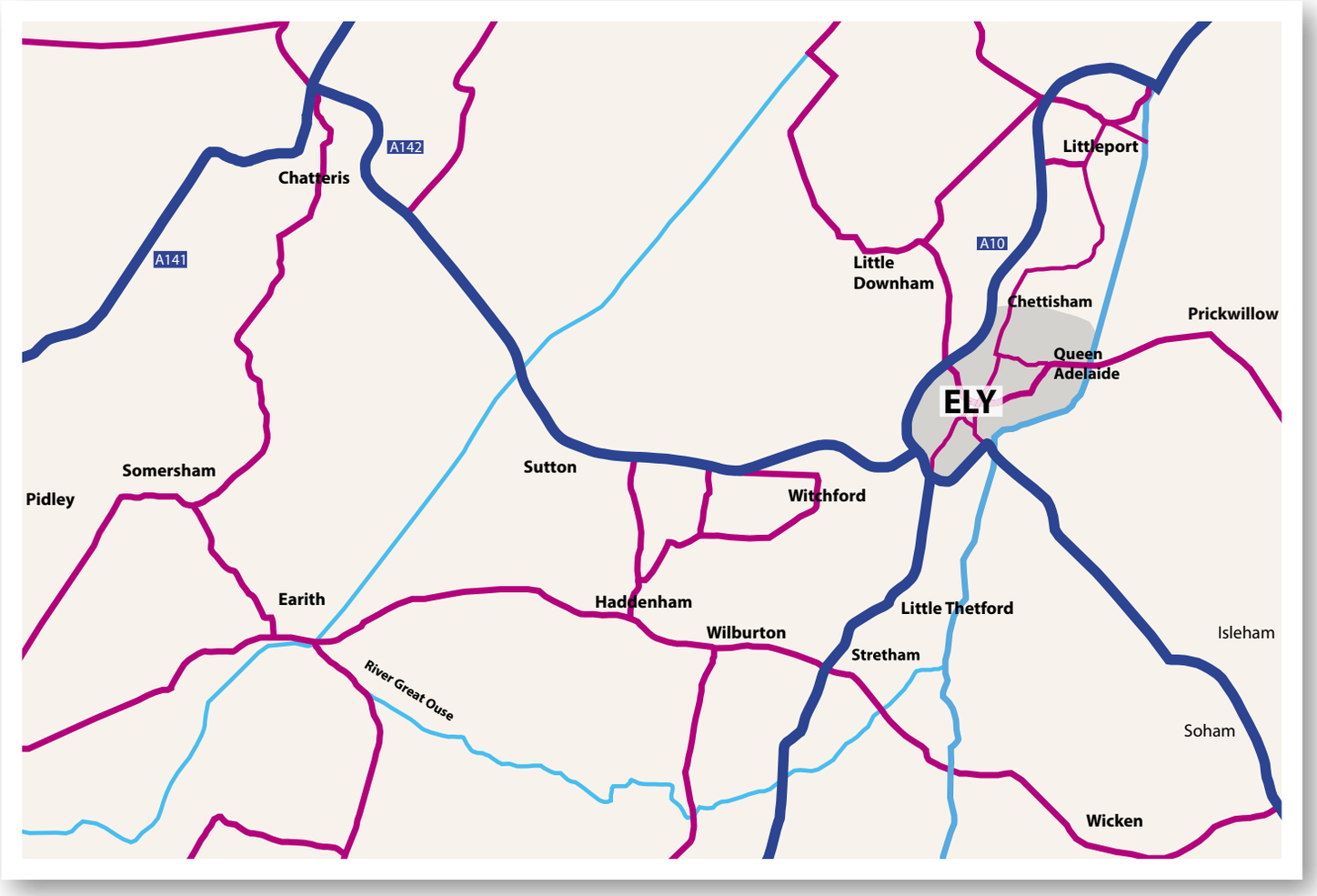

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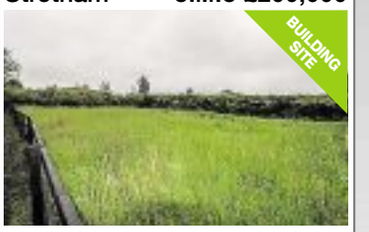

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Haddenham: £500,000

THIS detached four bedroom home in a non-estate location in Haddenham is on the market for offers in the region of £500,000. It has an entrance hall, a downstairs cloakroom, a modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room, a side lobby, a split level lounge/dining room and a study with built-in sauna.
There are four bedrooms, a gymnasium and a family bathroom.
Outside there are extensive grassed areas with mature trees, shrubs and farmland, a timber store shed, open-fronted timber store and brick outbuilding.
Contact David Clark and Company on (01353) 665020.

Feature homes

Soham: £190,000

THIS semi-detached two bedroom cottage located in Mereside, Soham, is now on the market for £190,000.
The property is in excellent condition throughout, and has accommodation which includes a lounge/dining room, a kitchen, a utility room, a shower room with a double shower and two double bedrooms. Outside there is a generous rear garden which has a lawn and a patio.
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Property news

Summer market is looking bright

LOCAL estate agency William H Brown in Ely is urging local home owners to seize the opportunity of a sale this summer. As part of its national network Sequence, William H Brown recorded seven buyers chasing each new home coming onto the market in May. With heightened buyer interest, summer could be the perfect time to make a sale.

"Contrary to popular opinion, summer is as good a time as any to sell a property and especially right now when buyers are competing for a limited number of homes on the market," said Scott Stewart, branch manager at William H Brown. "With many committed buyers actively seeking to purchase a home, home owners shouldn't delay putting their house on the market thinking the summer months will be quiet, as it's quite the opposite. Buyers continue to overrun the housing market and your ideal buyer might be out there right now."

Sellers needn't worry if they have a holiday planned either – they need only notify their estate agent of the dates of their holidays and then arrangements can be made for access and viewings in their absence. "By letting us know about holiday plans, we can plan ahead and ensure momentum isn't lost when progressing a house sale," continued Scott. "Customers can leave specific instructions regarding access to the property for viewings while they're away and what offers may be acceptable. Even in these favourable market conditions, it's important that sellers choose an estate agent like William H Brown who will work hard to get the right results."

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WICKEN £700 pcm

A 2 bedroom semi detached cottage set in an area of natural beauty. The property consists of Kitchen, Lounge with open fire, Dining room, Bathroom on ground floor with shower over bath. Garden to side & rear with parking. EPC Band F (36)

HADDENHAM £550 pcm

A detached two bedroom mobile home set within the village of Haddenham. Entrance porch leading to Kitchen with built in wall and floor units and electric cooker, Living Room with feature fireplace, Dining Room, Conservatory, Shower Room, Bedroom 1 with built in wardrobes, Bedroom 2 with built in wardrobe. Mature gardens surrounding the home. Allocated parking. Over 50's only.

SUTTON £700 pcm

A 2 bedroom semi detached house. Kitchen with base & wall units & electric cooker, Dining room, Lounge. Bathroom with white 3 piece suite & shower over bath. Storage cupboard on landing. Sheds & easy maintenance shingled garden. Garage & off road parking for 2 cars. Neutrally decorated throughout. No pets. EPC Band E (54)

WITCHFORD £750 pcm

A semi detached 2 double bedroom bungalow set in a cul de sac. Kitchen with base & wall units along with white goods. Lounge. Bedroom 1 with built-in wardrobe. Bedroom 2 with French doors leading out to rear garden. Bathroom with sink, toilet & shower cubicle. Enclosed rear garden. Single garage with power & driveway. EPC Band D (64)

The Glaives £875 pcm

A modern semi detached house set in the corner of a cul-de-sac location. Kitchen with gas hob & electric oven, Cloakroom, Lounge with French doors leading onto patio area. Master bedroom with built in wardrobe & shower en suite. Family bathroom with shower over bath & white suite. Rear garden with patio area & side gate to block paved double carport & additional parking. EPC Band C (78)

Riflemans Close £990 pcm

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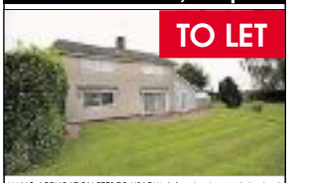

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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NEW

Wilburton £450,000

A detached Victorian house extended to provide spacious versatile accommodation in the highly regarded village of Wilburton. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, family room, lounge, dining room, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom. There is also a double garage, parking and gardens. EPR E.

NEW

Wicken £675,000

A highly individual architect designed equestrian property with paddocks of approximately 2 acres (sts), yard and stable block.2,500 square feet of accommodation with 4/5 bedrooms with 2 en suites, open plan lounge, dining hall and kitchen, study and TV room. Double garage, driveways and gardens. No upward chain. EPR D.

NEW

Haddenham £750,000

A spacious and most impressive detached family home with grounds extending to approximately 5 acres (STS), backing onto farmland with far reaching country views. The property also has a modern detached barn offering a variety of uses. Viewing of the property is recommended to fully appreciate the setting. EPR TBC.

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Stretham £460,000

A highly individual architect designed home situated in grounds of approximately one acre (STS). Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, kitchen / breakfast room, lounge with separate dining area, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), mezzanine room, garage, carport, parking and gardens. EPR F.

Stretham £439,950

A superb highly individual detached home built to a high specification and benefitting from many quality individual features. Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, study, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 5 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, gated driveway with double garage and garden. EPR C.

Little Downham £385,000

Situated in the highly regarded village of Little Downham this well presented, modern semi-detached house has accommodation which includes entrance hallway, kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite) family bathroom, single garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from full gas central heating and double glazing. EPR C.

Stretham £495,000

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Ely £260,000

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Soham £185,000

Situated on a modern development overlooking the Soham Lode, this well presented house has accommodation comprising entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with driveway parking and garden. EPR B.

Witchford £185,000

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"We have lots of space to display a vast range of showers and bathroom suites, and we have just put in the latest furniture ranges that some companies have to offer," said Mick Lenham, who runs the plumbers merchant with business partner Tony Neal.

The company has just celebrated its 10th anniversary in business, and together with their staff – Andy, Ashley, Joe, Jake and Pam – they have more than 75 years of experience in the plumbing and bathroom industry.

"We are always happy to give advice, and try to help solve any problems our customers may have," said Mick. "And staying open till 4pm on a Saturday is also proving beneficial for people looking for that new bathroom."

ADVERTISING FEATURE

"We have over 20 shower settings on display, including walk-ins. We also have an electrical department, and since the sad demise of Adams in the high street we are now a one-stop shop, with everything customers and tradespeople might need for their plumbing, heating, electrical and DIY projects."

Some of the bathroom settings at Port Plumbing feature space-saving fitted furniture by Eco, Dasani and Roper Rhodes, with mirrors and cupboards, to store everything from towels to cleaning equipment.

Shower enclosures by Lakes, Simpsons, Aqata and Kudos are all on show; some with tile surrounds, and some using the popular shower boards by Grant Westfield.

"Shower boards are now very popular," said Mick. "They give a sleek finish and offer a large choice of colours, and with such a hard water element in this area it's an ideal product."

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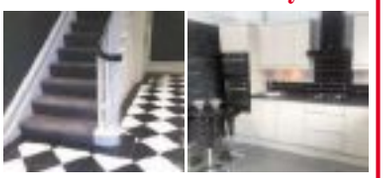

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Fetes and cakes for the Queen

DOWN OUR STREET: A party was held in Chamberlain Fields, Littleport, left and right, to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday PICTURES: David Johnson

CELEBRATE: Sonia Marshall, Rebecca Tomkins and Laura Leeke, below, with the cake

Bunting and flags were out in force at the weekend as the Ely area went all out to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, with street gatherings, tea parties, picnics and fun-filled fetes. Jordan Day caught up with the organisers of some of them...

IT was another action-packed weekend of community events across the Ely area – many of which celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday.

Parties were held across the region as Her Majesty watched the annual Trooping of the Colour parade in the capital.

There were parties in Mayfield Close in Ely, Chamberlain Fields in Littleport and at Pymoor Cricket and Social Club, to name a few.

You Are Not Alone (YANA), a project which supports isolation and loneliness in Littleport, also went all out for Her Majesty's birthday on Saturday by holding a tea party at the village hall, which included Royal-themed fancy dress competitions, sing-alongs and games.

Flags and bunting were also out in force in Witcham for the village's first ever music festival and its summer fete, which was on Saturday.

Highlights from the music festival included classical trumpeter Crispian Steele Perkins performing at St Martin's Church and a royal-themed 'come and sing' concert at the church, featuring two of Handel's favourite coronation anthems.

There was also a jazz night at the White Horse Inn and a ceilidh in the village hall with the Ivel Valley Ceilidh Band.

The festival was organised by St Martin's Church and the Witcham Village Hall Committee to raise funds for both organisations.

Other highlights on Saturday included a mermaid and pirate children's party at The Brook in Soham, Ely St John's Primary School's summer fete, a family beer festival at Ely Tigers Rugby Club, Sutton Primary School's summer fete, a music marathon at St George's Church in Little Thetford, and a summer fete at St Andrew's Church in Soham.

On Sunday, pooches strutted their stuff at the Sutton Feast Dog Show, plus gardens in Ely were open to the public as part of the NGS open gardens for charity scheme.

Hundreds of people also flocked to Haddenham Galleries' Handmade at Haddenham Festival, which was on both Saturday and Sunday, and featured dozens of artists and makers.

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FETE FUN: At Witcham, left and above, and at Ely St John's Primary School, right, where Olivia and Bella Dunckley made some friends.

OPEN GARDENS

ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN: The gardens at Abbots Ripton Hall will open for the biennial charity show, on June 25 and 26

Secret garden

The gardens at Abbots Ripton Hall, the stately home just outside Huntingdon, open only for a biennial charity show. Back for 2016, and supported by Ely News' sister publication, Cambridge Magazine, it takes place on June 25 and 26, promising everything from a food fair, classic car display and big band music to plant stalls and talks – as well as the chance to tour the impressive eight-acre plot. Tickets cost £9 for adults and under-15s go free – see abbotsriptonhall.co.uk.

THE grounds of Abbots Ripton Hall are best-known for hosting cult music festival The Secret Garden Party. But the plot keeps a secret of its own: along with the 200-acre festival site, it's home to the most amazing eight-and-a-half acre garden. Owned by the De Ramsey family, the garden is strictly private: a vast lake acts as bouncer during festival season, keeping (all but a rogue few) partygoers out.

However, once every two years, the De Ramseys do open the garden to the public: held in aid of a host of good causes, such as children's charity Dreamdrops and Cambridgeshire Red Cross, they hold a two-day Garden Show.

Back for 2016, this year's event takes place on June 25 and 26, promising not only a chance to enjoy the garden, but also four 'Chelsea standard' show plots, plant stalls and talks, a food fair, a classic car and cycle display, craft and gift stands, live music and WI-catered teas. In the space of a single weekend, the show raises in the region of £60,000.

Highlights of the garden itself include the park, with its collection of fledgling red-listed oaks; the ox- and cowslip-planted meadow, with its view down to that enormous lake; the various avenues which open invitingly off the bowling-green lawn, leading, among other things, to an ethereal white border; the rose circle, with its fragrant concentric planting and focal Millennium Sundial (handiwork of architect Peter Foster, 'surveyor of the fabric' at Westminster Abbey); the packed double herbaceous border, lined with soldierly cylinders of clipped yew; and the grey border, pocketed with Beth Chatto-designed gravel planting.

All tended by head gardener Gavin Smith and just two assistants, there's also an interesting bog garden, a mini arboretum and a long, L-shaped rose arch, which, like the circle, comes into its own just in time for the garden show.

TAKING IN THE VIEW: Head gardener Gavin Smith

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SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3016 Box: 413399**

JO 45, hardworking nurse with crazy sense of humour, looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422545**

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3020 Box 421375**

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ATTRACTIVE female, 52, blue eyes, slim, outgoing seeks dark haired male for nights in or out, loves cooking and outdoors. **Text only Mailbox: 5475229**

FELICITY, well educated, sophisticated lady, 38yrs, unhappily married and looking for a distraction with a man 30+, must be discreet. **Text Only Box: 4023417**

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LAURA, single mum, 29yrs, blue eyed blonde, fair skinned, pretty. Lonely and seeking adult company when the kids are in bed! ACA. **Text Only Box: 4161735**

PAT, petite blonde lady, GSOH, young looking for her age, seeks genuine gent any age with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422393**

FEMALE, looking for an honest, caring, easygoing male. I am divorced and like walks, going for meals, cinema and love dogs. **Text only Mailbox: 4539974**

BIRMINGHAM female 65, smoker, likes music, cinema, theatre, meals out, WLTM male 66 - 73 for LTR. **Text only Mailbox: 5474599**

RITA, , seeks a genuine male for friendship, days out, shes very friendly, genuine and social, give her a call ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422403**

MERRY, widow, dark hair, kind and caring, hoping to meet a kind gent for friendship, possibly more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422339**

BARBARA, is a caring lady who seeks a man to care for, she will do anything to make you happy. Just give her a call today. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422411**

LUCY 37yrs 5ft 11ins brunette loves nightlife, socialising, having fun, looking for fun guy who can make me laugh and promises a good time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422455**

BARBARA, 49, attractive green-eyed blonde, OHAC, likes travel, cinema, meals out etc, looking for genuine caring male up to 65yr for possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422439**

KATHY, 45, curvy blonde seeking reliable honest man who can get me out of this rut I am stuck in, open to new ideas and looking for someone special? Give me a try. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422263**

LORRAINE bored 36yr old looking for discreet no strings fun with like-minded uncomplicated male, any age/looks/status. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422241**

CARING honest female WLTM genuine guy for LTR in Glos/Bristol area. Text mail box only. **Text only Mailbox: 4209465**

LUCY, 49, just looking to enjoy life, can you help? seeks fun and good times in or out, nothing heavy just no strings meets. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422223**

SUE, 40, easygoing smart stylish lady looking for genuine honest guy for friendship, meals in/out, leading to more. Any age/status/race. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422051**

TALL leggy slim brunette 37, attractive and very much single, WLTM fun loving guy 40-60yrs who loves food, wine, cosy nights in or out. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422029**

CILLA, 40, tall blue eyed size 12 brunette, loves horses, country/beach walks, cosy nights in front of fire, good wine/food, WLTM similar male who appreciates my interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422009**

SUE 38yrs enjoys most things, meals in/out, easygoing, broad-minded, passionate, slightly feisty, looking for adult fun, call me if your interested in spicing things up. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 413007**

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ANNA, 41, new to single life seeking caring professional male for no strings fun, attention and laughter. Life is too short, lets enjoy it! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421127**

FEMALE, 60s, young looking for my age, likes singing, dancing, meals in and out, theatre, fun to be with. Single would like to meet the same. **Text only Mailbox: 5448634**

BROWN eyed brummie female, smoker, likes music, cinema, meals out, WLTM white male for LTR. **Text only Mailbox: 4400186**

ROSEMARY early 50s, GSOH, likes meals out, travel, etc, looking for man to share these things with. N/S. **Text only Mailbox: 5079890**

CLAIRE new to the market and looking for a man to take me out and show me a good time. I'm 32yrs, single, attractive and ready to party. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421873**

male seeking

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SINGLE male 50 medium build looking for someone to show me the ropes age between 60 – 85, txt only. **Text only Mailbox: 5423010**

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42 yr old man seeking buxom, voluptuous, 50+ lady for naughty NSA fun. Colour, race etc unimportant. **Text only Mailbox: 5480459**

50YR old slim, genuine male, seeks female, any age for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 279508**

YOUNG 60yr old male into days out dining out walks gardening W L T M single lady for friendship relationship. **Text only Mailbox: 5468929**

AGELESS guy who's lived several lifetimes, looking for a woman he can cherish, and who'll take care of him in return. 30-50. **Text only Mailbox: 5480502**

WEST Midlands male, genuine, WLTM similar lady around 52 years old, so please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422567**

VERY kind male, 51, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating out, live concerts and travel, WLTM loving, n/s lady, 38-53, with similar interests for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421383**

TALL male, professional, 48, kind, caring, considerate, slim, seeks Asian female for LTR, single mums welcome, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422519**

DAVE, slim fit healthy non-smoker seeks female in links for day time distractions text only. **Text only Mailbox: 5471155**

VERY kind male, 51, enjoys cinema, eating out, live concerts, travel, WLTM loving, n/s lady, 39-54, for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422517**

MATURE Male average build and fit WLTM a lady any status, 45-70, for discreet fun. **Text only Mailbox: 5127746**

JAMES 44, 6ft blue eyes and single, looking for that special lady for LTR. I enjoy walking, visits to the pub and animals. **Text only Mailbox: 4359515**

SLIM fit friendly single male 45 WLTM genuine single lady 25-40 for friendship fun and hopefully LTR. Norfolk Suffolk area. **Text only Mailbox: 4417158**

MIKE, 64, outgoing person, enjoys life, likes sport, cricket, nice meals out, holidays, WLTM someone to share interests and quality time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422329**

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NEIL, entrepreneur, lived abroad most of my life, back in England now and looking for a lovely lady, 48 years upwards, to spend some time with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422331**

66YR old male, 6ft, widower, N/S, clean shaven, smart, likes social outings, holidays, music, dancing, seeks well dressed female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 394741**

60'S gent widower, N/S, likes countryside, keeping fit, WLTM nice well dressed lady to take out on weekends/eves to see a show or something. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 404581**

MALE 60's, 6ft, N/S, nice looking, likes music, dancing, travel, seeking female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 395423**

JOANNE can you please call, you left a message on 21st August but no phone number. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 395903**

gay seeking

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BLACK male seeking black male aged 25 to 30, for discreet adult fun, maybe more. **Text only to Mailbox: 5409036**

63YR old bi male seeks Asian male for lots of fun times. **Text only Mailbox: 4172093**

ANNIE gay/tv/cd 51year old looking for fun times with another cross dresser/transvestite. **Text only Mailbox: 4172436**

60YR old bi male, looking for similar bi/CD male in Northampton area only for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 406401**

ATTRACTIVE full figure bi lady 57 seeking similar female for 50 shades of fun! **Text only to Mailbox No: 4636475**

Friends

MELANIE 47 seeks straight female friends for nights out, pubs, clubs, concerts, etc. **Text only mailbox no: 5345662**

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ROUND UP

● THE bicentenary of the Littleport and Ely Riots of 1816 are the theme of three upcoming performances in Ely.
To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Riots, Ely Folk Festival, with support from the City of Ely Council, commissioned a new work to re-imagine the story of the battles from the perspective of a de-mobbed soldier's view.
Written and narrated by Gareth Calway with music composed and performed by Andy Wall, the new work, entitled 'Bread or Blood', will be performed at Ely's old magistrates' court on Friday, June 17 and at the Babylon Gallery on Tuesday, June 28.
It will then be performed at Ely Folk Festival on the final day; July 10 at 1.40pm. Both of the events in June start at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 each.
Call (01353) 664706, email eff-out@ntlworld.com or visit wegottickets.com.

● BATH Primary School Choir are hosting a lunchtime concert at Ely Cathedral on Friday, June 17.
It starts at 1.10pm and usual cathedral admission prices apply. Call (01353) 667735.

● DAVID Last is hosting a ballroom and sequence dance at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, June 18.
Doors open at 7pm and admission is £5 for members and £6.50 for non-members.
Call (01353) 688269.

● AUTHORS Francis Spufford, Fiona Reynolds, Barney Norris and Simon Armitage are talking about their books in Ely this month.
Francis' talk is on Thursday, June 16; Fiona's is on Tuesday, June 21; Barney's is on Thursday, June 23 and Simon's is on Tuesday, June 28.
All the events are organised by Toppings. Call (01353) 645005 or visit toppingbooks.co.uk.

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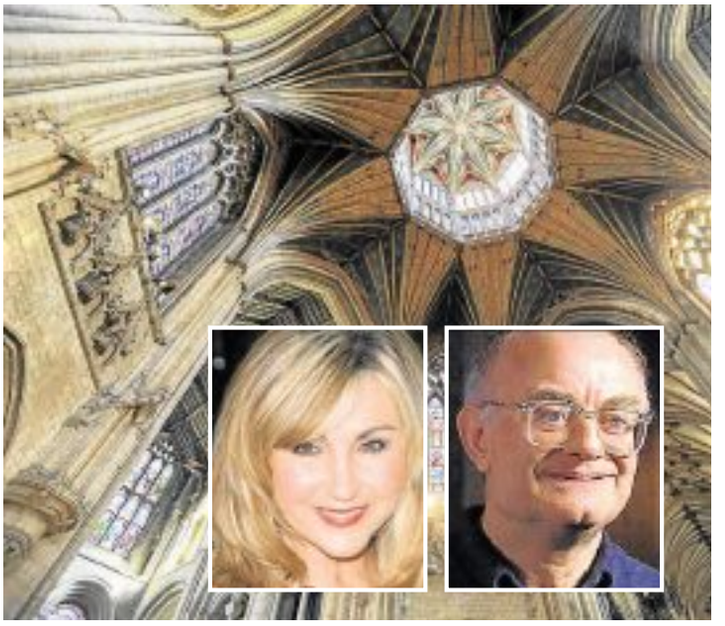

Music patrons to star in cathedral concert

TWO greats from the world of classical music will be performing at Ely Cathedral in a special concert to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the cathedral's newest choirs.

British soprano Lesley Garrett and composer John Rutter (both pictured left) will be guest performers at a 'Summer Celebration', which is being held on Saturday, June 25 to mark the major milestone of Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir, Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers and The Ely Imps.

Both star guests are Music Patrons of the cathedral.

The concert promises a memorable evening of music with crowd pleasing favourites such as Zadok the Priest, Beethoven's Mass in C and works by John Rutter, including Magical Kingdom.

Paul Trepte, Ely Cathedral's Director of Music, said: "We are so proud of the contribution that these three choirs have made to the music of Ely Cathedral over the past ten years and this celebration is well deserved.

"Our boys and men will also take part of course, adding to the inclusive picture of what we can offer here to singers of all ages and backgrounds."

■ The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets, which are selling fast, start at £15 each.

Call the cathedral box office on (01353) 660349 or visit elycathedral.org.

MUSIC

Country duo, Cardy and Coke, at The Brook

COUNTRY music duo, Cardy and Coke, are coming to Soham this month.

The popular duo will be performing at The Brook on Sunday, June 26.

Wes Cardy and Jan Mellon have been singing together as Cardy and Coke since December 1986.

A supporting act to many famous names including Gerry and The Pacemakers, Marty Wilde, The Bachelors, Raymond Froggett, Charlie Landsborough, the sound of Cardy and Coke has become unique and distinctive over the years with individual backings enhanced by the sound of Jan's mandolin plus strong vocals and harmonies.

Their gig in Soham starts at 2.30pm and tickets are £12.

A carvery meal will also be served, with tickets for the meal and concert costing £25.

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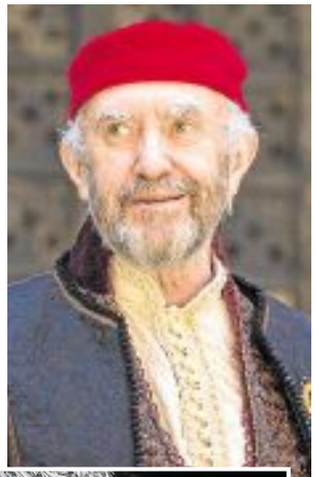

HIGHLIGHTS: Above, Alastair Hull from Haddenham Galleries with Yorrick and The Shakespeare Cobbe 'Methuen' bust; Jonathan Pryce in *The Merchant of Venice, right*; Kenneth Branagh's *Romeo and Juliet, below*

HIGHLIGHTS: The Festival Players will perform Shakespeare Shorts: A Celebration of the Bard, above.
You can enjoy An Evening with Jon Snow, right.

Arts Festival goes live

ISLE of Ely Arts Festival 2016 launched with a bang at the weekend!

Running right the way through to July 10, you can take advantage of the feast of arts and cultural events being held throughout East Cambs.

The *Ely News* is the festival's media partner and free brochures can be collected from our office on Ely Market Place – or downloaded online at isleofelyartsfestival.org.uk.

The festival has a Shakespeare theme this year and there is theatre joy this week with The Globe Theatre bringing their production of The Merchant of Venice to Haddenham on June 16 and Wicken on June 18.

The Isle of Ely Arts Festival Players will also be presenting Shakespeare Shorts – A celebration of The Bard in Isleham on June 17, Kirtling on June 18, Little Downham on June 24 and Haddenham on June 25.

Ely's Lantern Dance Theatre Company will be performing Shakespeare's Flowers at the Paradise Centre on June 19, with an hour of dance inspired by Romeo and Juliet, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Other theatre highlights this week include Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre's production of the Pirate of Penzance in their theatre in a barn.

Don't forget Demon barber Sweeney Todd is also being brought to life by Viva! at The Brook in Soham from June 15-18.

Families can also enjoy free drop-in art activities at Soham Library on June 18, The Mandeville Hall in Burwell on June 19 and at Ely's Babylon Gallery on June 26.

Isle of Ely Arts Festival 2016 – 33 days of arts and cultural events on your doorstep

Also, don't forget Burwell Carnival on June 18 and Sutton Beast 10K and Family Fun Run on June 19.

On June 25, there is a Shakespeare Experience event at Haddenham Galleries with archery, fletching demonstrations, dancing, willow weaving and traditional printing demonstrations.

Local musicians will also be taking to the stage at Ely's Maltings on June 29 for the annual Isle of Ely Arts Festival Band Night. Acts confirmed so far include Asbestos, Josh Aitken, Last Place Heroes, Suzi Jodie and Mikey Necrosis.

For tickets or information about any festival event, call (01353) 616991 or visit isleofelyfestival.org.uk.

WILBURTON BEER FESTIVAL

Fun for all the family at annual Wilburton Beer Festival

WILBURTON Beer Festival is this weekend – Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19.

The event, held on the village recreation ground and sponsored by Manchetts, will feature over 30 different beers, as well as ciders, Pimms and Prosecco.

Live bands will be playing throughout the weekend, plus there will be a variety of food stalls and children's activities, including inflatables, zorbing, bungee trampolines, face painting and sports competitions.

All profits raised go to local charities and community groups, and the family-friendly festival has raised more than £50,000 for good causes in the 18 years it has been running.

The festival is running from noon until midnight on Saturday and from 12-6pm on Sunday. The Zipper bus, which runs between Witcham, Haddenham, Aldreth, Wilburton, Stretham, Little Thetford and Ely, will also be serving the festival.

Visit wilburtonbeerfestival.org.

Wilburton Beer Festival on the village rec on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19.
Visit wilburtonbeerfestival.org.

CLOSER TO HOME

- THE Stanford University Chamber Chorale are performing at Ely Cathedral on Thursday, June 16.
Their lunchtime concert of European and American choral masterpieces, including works by Pearsall and Walton, starts at 1.10pm. Usual cathedral admission prices apply.
Call (01353) 667735 or visit elycathedral.org.

- SOHAM'S Viva Theatre Group are back with their next production – Sweeney Todd The Demon Barber of Fleet Street A Musical Thriller.
The production is at The Brook in Soham from Wednesday, June 15 through to Saturday, June 18. The show is at 7.30pm each night and tickets are £12. Call (01353) 722228 or visit wegottickets.com.

- THE 200th anniversary of the Littleport and Ely Riots is being commemorated with an event at the Ely Beet Club on Friday, June 17.
The event will feature readings from contemporary accounts to set the scene, and contributions from Cambridgeshire poets and musicians.
The highlight will be a set from local singer/songwriter Boo, who has written a song to mark the occasion. All the profits from the show will go to Ely Foodbank.
The show is at 7.30pm and tickets are £5.50 in advance or £7.50 on the door. Call Anthony on 07890 679140, pop into the Ely Beet Club or visit wegottickets.com.

- TWINK are hosting a Motown and Northern night at The King's Arms in Ely on Friday, June 17 at 8.30pm.
Call (01353) 656828.

- THE Record Machine are hosting a line dance disco at the Hiam Sports and Social Club in Prickwillow on Friday, June 17.
Doors open at 7pm and admission is £4.50 for members and £6 for non-members. Call (01353) 688269.

- THE City of Ely Military Band is hosting a charity concert in the Bishop of Ely's Garden on Sunday, June 19.
The concert is from 2-4pm and cream teas will be served. Tickets are £10. Call (01353) 659986.

- 'A GIRL with a Book' – the play based on the true story of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafza – is being shown in Ely.
The New Theatre Nottingham production, written and performed by Nick Wood and directed by Andrew Breakwell, is at the Babylon Gallery on Friday, June 24.
It is a 'pay what you decide show', meaning the audience pays whatever they deem reasonable once they have seen the show, which starts at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 616991 or visit babylonarts.org.uk.

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Annual spending on the service and repair of a UK car is an average of £695 – 12 per cent more than the global figure, the report by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) said.

The research also found there are fewer cars in disrepair, generating excess pollution or needing new brakes on UK roads compared to many other countries.

Mike Hawes, SMMT chief executive, said: "The UK's after-market is one of the most competitive in the world and plays a critical role in keeping Britain's 30 million-plus cars roadworthy.

"Robust competition and a strong independent sector have helped reduce the cost of vehicle ownership in the UK and provided greater choice to consumers.

"For this growth to be sustained, however, the sector must stay abreast of evolving vehicle technologies and changing mobility patterns."

The report calculated that the after-market sector generates £12.2 billion for the UK and supports 345,000 jobs.

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New Fiat 124 Spider launch

THE new Fiat 124 Spider was launched in the UK on Tuesday at an international media event in Verona, Italy. Styled with classic Italian flair and reviving a storied nameplate, the new Fiat 124 Spider brings the authentic, Italian roadster driving experience to a whole new generation of British enthusiasts.

Designed in the Fiat Style Centre, the front-end of the 124 Spider encapsulates the essence of its classic predecessor in a modern and bold package – broad and muscular but also elegant and perfectly proportioned. The profile view is pure classic roadster, with its long wheelbase, a cockpit hunkered low near the driven rear axle and a long bonnet, all tied elegantly together by a horizontal line that emerges from the front wing, kicking up over the rear haunch and flowing toward the tail lamp, aping the distinctive bodywork of the original 124 Spider.

The nose of the new 124 Spider also takes its inspiration from the 1966 original with the style and position of the LED headlamps and the hexagonal upper grille all drawing heavily from the details of the classic roadster. The bonnet of the new sports car also emulates the twin power domes of the second- generation Fiat 124 Spider (a functional design feature necessitated by the fitment of larger engines) while the rear view is defined by two main features: the swallow-tail rear wings, the upper surface of which cascade inward toward the decklid, and the sharp horizontal tail lamps with their distinctive ring shape. An integrated rear spoiler enhances the aerodynamic performance of the new 124 Spider, while twin exhaust outlets are a reminder of its sporting pedigree.

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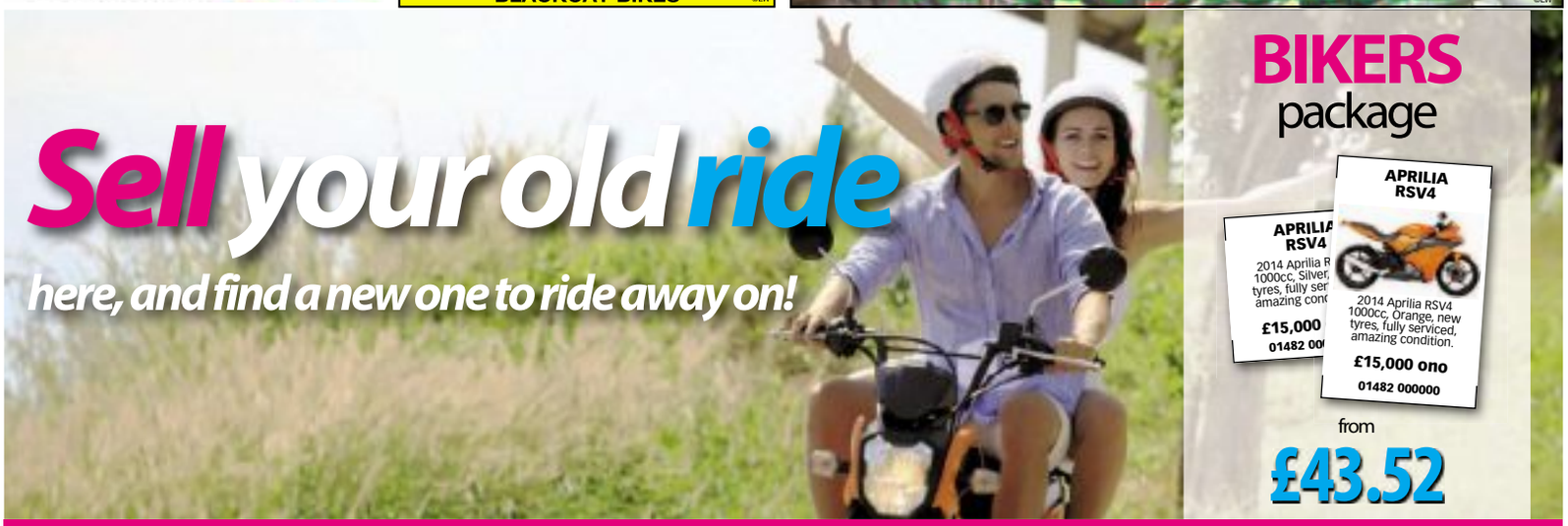

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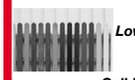

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SAILING

Stamford is Topper the standings at Ely

KIRK Stamford came out on top at Ely Sailing Club's Topper Open.

He made a flying start in the first race and, despite being overtaken on the last downwind leg, he caught a wind shift and regained the lead to take the victory.

Visiting sailor James Denny was second with Chandler Stamford third.

Chandler Stamford made a great start in the second race, with brother Kirk close behind.

Denny provided close competition again, but had to settle for third place.

Chandler Stamford held on for the win, with his brother second, Denny third and Pepper fourth.

Denny and Kirk Stamford made the best starts in the third race but while the former opened up a lead, Chandler Stamford moving into second, ahead of Kirk.

The top three positions remained unchanged for the rest of the race, with Pepper fourth and Rhys Williams fifth.

It was all to play for going into the fourth and final race, with the Stamford brothers and Denny all tied on points.

Chandler Stamford made the best start but he was overtaken by Kirk Stamford on the downwind leg.

Kirk Stamford raced away to claim the win, while Chandler Stamford and Denny battled for second.

The Ely sailor held on, leaving Denny third and Pepper fourth.

In the Summer Series held the following day, Simon Leeks claimed two wins, with Gary Ungless and Kevin Bilham each claiming a second-place finish.

PLAIN SAILING: Action from the Topper Open

TENNIS

BEGINNERS: Youngsters enjoy their first taste of tennis with the 10is Academy at King's Ely

King's to the rescue as tennis courses begin

THE Ely-based 10is Academy did not let the rain ruin their plans as they began their first Tennis for Kids courses in the sports hall at King's Ely.

The David Cup Legacy initiative, which has been launched by the Lawn Tennis Association to capitalise on Great Britain's victory last year, meant 19 children were introduced to tennis.

A new course is set to start at Ely Tennis Club, with more planned over the summer.

Head coach Sebastien Scaux thanked King's Ely for the use of the hall.

He said: "It's all about encouraging kids to pick up tennis at an early stage and get them to enjoy the game.

"Already some children and parents have joined our weekly coaching. 10is Xpress (a course for adults new to tennis) is proving very popular."

KORFBALL

VICTORIOUS: The winners from Ely Vikings' annual award ceremony. Back row, left to right: Charlotte Marsh, Chris Brown, Adam Twiss, Emma Hale, Oscar Edwards. Front row, left to right: Hannah Brown, George Notley. Not pictured: Dave Hodge, Annabelle Marsh

BASKETBALL

Amazons are all set to court real success

NEW RECRUITS: The Amazons at their first training session

EAST Cambs Warriors have launched a new all-female basketball team for players aged 14 and above.

The Amazons are a satellite club set up with funding from Living Sport over a three-year period, but, although being run separately, are part of the Warriors.

Their first training session attracted eight players.

The aim is to develop a squad in the first 12 months and then play friendlies before entering into a league in the third year.

"Our aim is to get as many teenage girls and women involved in the game," said Warriors head coach Rob Knapper. "By making the sessions fun, our aim is to promote fitness, team building and self-confidence."

Anyone interested in playing can attend the sessions at Witchford Village College on Monday nights between 8.30pm and 9.30pm.

The sessions cost £3, with your first free.

Email eastcambsamazons @btinternet.com for more information.

CYCLING

Robert in Golding form

ROBERT Golding was Ely & District/B&T Motor Repair's leading rider at the VTTA time trial on the A11.

Golding set a club record for a 25-mile event with a time of 1hr 49min 16sec, breaking the previous standard held by Alan Newark by more than a minute.

Phillip Gosling followed him home in a time of 1:52.00, with Dan Bromilow finishing in 1:54.00 and John Manlow stopping the clock in 2:02.25.

On the B10/37 course, Cliff Loveday and Derek Ricketts claimed personal bests of 22.55 and 23.04.

Paul Sparks recorded 23.39, in his first open event, with Geoff Brewster finishing in 24.05 and Jonathan Tully 24.31, while Francesca Rust posted 25.36.

Martin Holmes completed the SPOCO 10 at St Lawrence in 24:33.

MARTIAL ARTS

Easey and Lord win medals

CERYS Easey and Carrie Lord, both members of the Ely branch of the Mark Farnham Schools of Taekwondo competed in the TAGB Welsh Championships in Cardiff.

Easey finished third in the girls' black belt sparring event, a feat repeated by Lord in her age group.

Lord also finished third in the girls' black belt team sparring competition.

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Ben ensures it's a sorry Storey for former club

Cricket

BEN Storey showed his old City of Ely team-mates no mercy as his five-wicket haul guided Hardwick & Caldecote to an 86-run triumph in Mr Cricket CCA Senior League, Division Two.

The opening bowler ripped out his former side's top order and ended with figures of five for 12 from nine overs as they were dismissed for 140.

Udana Ranatung (two for six) and Ruwan Pitigala (two for 41) also had success with the ball, while Ely's best batsman was Ed Ansikowicz with 39.

"Ben did well," said Hardwick captain James Buss, who was also impressed by a couple of smart slip catches by James Northfield. "He got through their top order and the other bowlers took care of the rest of them."

Winless Ely are in danger of getting cut adrift at the bottom, although Paul Henman (five for 45) did have something to smile about when the hosts, for whom Billy O'Reilly (56) and Pitigala (58) excelled, made 226 for 6.

"We were a bit under-strength and we don't have the same depth as previous years," said Ely's Aniskowicz.

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"We played well in the first half of their innings, then they started playing quite aggressively and it paid off for them.

"We had a bit of a top-order collapse and then a rally in the middle, but we finished up a long way short.

"There were positives from the game and a few players that did well.

"We've got a battle on our hands but we won't shy away from it."

Rashid Mushtaq hit 51 and claimed four for 26 as Cherry Hinton saw off **Wilburton** by 11 runs in Junior League, Division 1N.

His side were all out for 160 and then removed the away side for 149, with Ollie Sellers (four for 37) and Tom Walker (62) being the losers' best performers.

Witcham went down by 46 runs at Bottisham-Lode in 3N.

Nigel Phillips and Glen Griffiths took three wickets apiece as the hosts were all out for 177, before Nigel Pate (51) could not prevent his team being dismissed for 131.

Millard shines in City of Ely triumph

ALEX Millard starred with bat and ball as Ely under-15s enjoyed a good win over Chatteris in the CYCA League.

Ely were put into bat but Millard (52 retired not out) and Riley Phillips put on 74 runs for the first wicket. Callum Hall (33 not out) and Ben Harnwell (24) then took Ely to 148 for 3.

Joe Barton removed one of the Chatteris openers in his first over, but a partnership of 30 steadied the innings for the visitors.

But the introduction of Millard, who grabbed three for 23, gave Ely the upper hand.

Matt Malloy took his first wicket for the club as Chatteris finished on 129 for 5.

Junior cricket

There was pride at stake as Ely under-11 A took on Ely under-11 B.

The A team edged a tight game by scoring 80 for 4 compared with the B team's score of 70 for 4.

The under-11 A then played Wimblington at home in the Cambridgeshire Cup quarter-finals.

Connor Marshall (21), Daniel Millard (15) and David Horn (30 retired not out) took Ely to 127 for 3.

In reply, Wimblington were soon in trouble, with Connor Marshall, Daniel Millard and Abigail Alden all taking two wickets. Wimblington were 52 all out, giving Ely a 75 run win.

THRILLED: Seren Palmer receives her medal from Elo Luik

Youngster Palmer victorious at Blenheim Palace regatta

Rowing

SEREN Palmer claimed a stunning victory at her first rowing competition, winning the women's J12 single sculls at the Blenheim Palace junior regatta.

The Isle of Ely Rowing Club member was one of 300 athletes aged under 14 years that took part in the event.

The regatta is a rare opportunity for young and often first-time scullers to experience competitive racing over a four-lane 500m course.

Palmer, 12, only started rowing at the end of September but there were no signs of any nerves as she came first in her heat before going on to win the final.

"The atmosphere was incredible and I was so thankful to be able to take part," said Palmer.

" I couldn't have done it without the amazing coaches and support of the Isle of Ely Rowing Club. A special thank you to Duncan McCulloch and Victor Bridges who have both coached me throughout."

Seren was awarded her medal by winners of the Oxford university boat race; Maddy Badcott and Elo Luik. She said "I can't believe I actually shook hands with the Oxford Boat Race winners!"

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